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## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

### THE GERMAN PEACE SUGGESTION.

An Official Explanation from Berlin.

London, December 13.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a German official explanation regarding Mr. Balfour's statement in the House of Commons on December 11, says that Germany received a communication through a neutral country relating to Germany's war aims. This communication was so couched as to warrant the belief that it was made with the knowledge of Great Britain. Germany was ready to answer the enquiry and considered a direct verbal reply through a neutral to be the best course, but Germany's opponents did nothing to facilitate such a direct reply. Mr. Balfour's statement of December 11 was the first news received in Germany that the Allies were ready to receive a communication from Germany. No further steps had been taken by Germany.

### THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

Successful Attack by British Troops.

London, December 13.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, states:—We successfully attacked a post south of Sillery Guislain this morning. The garrison was either killed or taken prisoner. There was some bomb fighting this afternoon to the east of Bullecourt, in a portion of the trench into which the enemy penetrated on Wednesday. A few additional prisoners were taken. The enemy's artillery displayed some activity south of the Scarpe and north-east of Ypres. Aeroplanes engaged the enemy during the attack at Bullecourt on Wednesday. Bombs were dropped. Low reconnoissances were carried out, and there was much fighting in the air. A Gotha and two other machines were brought down and three were driven down. All our machines returned.

### AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

Appeal from Black Sea Fleet.

London, December 13.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says the Government delegate telegraphs that Maximalist troops occupied Tamerovsk and Kaluga, disarmed and arrested General Korniloff's shock troops and restored Revolutionary authority. The Commissioner of the Black Sea Fleet telegraphs asking for the immediate despatch of all the Black Sea detachments, with numerous machine-guns. He says the Military Cadets are attacking Rostoff with armoured cars.

### Military Disputes.

London, December 14.  
According to Reuter's correspondent, General Krylenko telegraphs that General Toheromoff has refused to come to see him at Pskoff and has removed from the Command the Commissioner of the Fifth Army. He announces his arrival at Dyinsk and adds that the Committee of the Fifty Army has undertaken to arrange an armistice on its front. General Bolyreff, the Commander of the Army, has been dismissed and arrested.

The Soviet at Moscow has seized the works of the great Moscow newspaper *Russkoe Slovo* for publishing rumours that General Krylenko's seizure of the General Staff Headquarters was carried out on the instigation of the German Headquarters.

### Overcoming the Cadets.

London, December 14.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, writing on the 13th instant, says the Bolshevik Government, while proclaiming the Cadets' demonstration at the opening of the Constituent Assembly on the 11th instant as absurd, has taken the strongest measures to overcome the Cadets. It has concentrated 8,000 Maximalist troops in the vicinity of Tsaritsa Palace, which is itself swarming with troops, and has prohibited the admission of members unless they have passes signed by the Maximalist Commissioners. The Red Guards have raided the Cadet Headquarters and the rooms of the Socialist leader, M. Tchernoff.

### THE RUSSO-GERMAN ARMISTICE.

A Resumption of the Negotiations.

London, December 14.  
A German official message states:—The Russian delegation again arrived at Breslitz on December 12 for a continuation of the armistice negotiations. The next plenary sitting is on December 13.

### Peace Powers.

London, December 14.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, writing on December 13, says M. Trotsky announces that if an armistice is signed at Breslitz, the Commissioners are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

### THE FALL OF JERUSALEM.

London, December 13.  
The Chief Rabbi, in a letter to His Majesty the King, on behalf of the Jewish communities of the Empire, congratulating him on the historic victories of his Army in the Holy Land, says:—The occupation of Jerusalem, following so closely on the epoch-making declaration of the Government on Palestine as the national home of the Jewish people, causes the hearts of millions of my brethren in the world to throb with deepest gratitude. The Almighty House of Israel fervently prays for the complete and lasting success of His Majesty's forces everywhere. His Majesty the King has replied expressing his deep appreciation of the congratulations. The Chief Rabbi has telegraphed General Allenby his heartfelt congratulations. The Chief Rabbi has arranged that special praise and thanksgiving at the taking of Jerusalem shall be included in the service at the Synagogue to-morrow.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

### ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

Value of the Anglo-French Detachments.

London, December 14.  
Reuter's correspondent at the Italian Headquarters states:—It is estimated that 150,000 Austro-Germans have been lost since the beginning of the offensive in Trentino. Nevertheless, the enemy is renewing his desperate attempts to enter the plain, employing whole divisions in each attack. These, after enormous sacrifices, generally succeed in conquering some outpost or advanced trench, only to find the position dominated by Italian guns. Apparently Generals Sossandoff and von Below are determined to pass the Alpine bulwark before the severe winter sets in. Italian reports have ascertained that the enemy concentrated 1,500 guns on less than a ten-mile front between the Brenta and Piave Rivers and, when all fired simultaneously, houses at Cima Della, Castel Franco and Treviso were shaken by the concussion.

Judging from the present action, the enemy has reverted to his original idea that entry to the plain is only possible by the capture of the Grappa Mountain Pass, but up to the present he has encountered redoubtable resistance. Whole battalions of Italians are allowing themselves to be destroyed in preference to yielding. Now the Anglo-French Allies are beside and behind the Italians and their intervention has saved the day, giving a well-deserved rest and breathing space to the Italians, who have endured the unparalleled strain of five weeks of unremitting and unrelenting fighting.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE WESTERN FRONT.

French Aerial Activity.

London, December 13.  
A French communique states: Since December 10, nine enemy aeroplanes have been brought down. Our aeroplanes dropped ten thousand kilograms of explosives, especially on the aerodromes of Colman and Scielstadt, the depot at Logelbach, factories at Bombach and several railway stations, with effective results.

A French communique states: There is lively artillery firing on both banks of the Meuse. Aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk, but there are no casualties.

#### Bitter Fighting on British Front.

London, December 14.  
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters reports that the Bavarian attack east of Bullecourt mentioned last night resulted in bitter fighting all day long. The enemy retained possession of some of the early captured ground but is encountering a ceaseless harassing fire in trying to dig himself in and cover the situation. The lost ground is such as will not afford him any advantage. A tremendous enemy bombardment blazed up this morning. We thundered a reply and nothing followed. There are rumours that the struggle has boiled up again this afternoon. No particulars have been received. The correspondent pays a warm tribute to our wonderful artillery work on this sector, while the infantry dash is described as more reminiscent of football than a battlefield with bombs.

#### The Enemy Attacks.

London, December 13.  
Accounts of yesterday's fighting show that the enemy, after heavy preparation, attacked from the north of our positions on the Hindenburg line to the east of Bullecourt and also on a wider front from the east and north-east against the angle of our trench lines, to the south of Rencourt-lez-Guignicourt. We repelled both attacks with heavy enemy losses. The enemy subsequently attacked on the latter front, penetrating the obliterated trenches at the apex of the angle. We killed or took prisoners a few Germans reaching the trenches elsewhere. There was local fighting throughout the day on a small portion of trench in which the enemy gained a foothold, without change in the situation. We repulsed raiders to the south-west of La Bassée and inflicted casualties as the result of patrol encounters, to the east of Zonnebeke.

#### The German Version.

London, December 14.  
A German official report says:—We captured several shelters to the east of Bullecourt. An artillery duel between Moeuvres and Vendhuile increased in violence this morning.

### THE SUBMARINE SITUATION.

London, December 14.  
Reuter learns from well-informed quarters that the Government know with certainty the German minimum submarine losses and also their maximum output. It is believed the latter has been reached and since the monthly losses of submarines is now approaching the monthly output, it seems that with the increasing means at the Allies' disposal the German programme of operations for 1918 cannot exceed what has already been applied. The situation calls for the exercise of the greatest economy in food but it is justifiable to express the belief that the menace has reached its worst stage as an effective force. There is every reason to believe the enemy submarine operations should not only be held in the near future but gradually repressed as our defensive work is neutralising the enemy output.

### THE MAXIMALISTS' METHODS.

Petrograd, December 14.  
The Bolshevik News Agency announces that in the event of the majority in the Constituent Assembly not favouring the authority of the Soviets it is proposed to exclude such constitutional democrats and also to hold re-elections, because in many places the Constitutional Democrats suborned the electoral committees. The Bolshevik Commissioners have issued a proclamation concluding: "Down with the bourgeoisie. There must be no place in the Constituent Assembly for landlords and capitalists." There have been further arrests of Cadet leaders.

The Maximalist decree also deprives of the right to spend money at the cost of the State a number of Russian diplomatic representatives abroad including the Ambassadors to Japan, China, Egypt and Spain and the Consul-General in Korea.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

### THE FIGHTING IN ITALY.

London, December 14.  
An Italian official message states: We regained the great part of the trenches in the Coldell Aberretta region which we were unable to re-occupy on Tuesday. We sanguinarily repulsed two violent attacks on Tuesday. The enemy attacked in force eastward of Brenta at mid-day. The attack continued fiercely in the afternoon and ceased at night owing to the heavy enemy losses. A powerful attack at Caldipo and Pappey broke down.

### DUTCH WIRELESS SCHEME.

The Hague, December 14.  
The Government has asked for a credit of five million florins for the erection by the Telefunken Company of Berlin of a wireless station for communication between Holland and the Dutch Indies, the receiving installation to be ready in three months and the sending installation in eighteen months.

### FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

London, December 13.  
For the week ending December 8, the French arrivals were 845 and the sailings, 967. One vessel over 1,000 and none under that figure were sunk, while three vessels were unsuccessfully attacked.

### PILL-BOXES FIASCO.

Huns' Newest Defence System Beaten.

The "pill-boxes" in which the German Headquarters had pinned their faith, to stop any further British progress, have been smashed, and another German dream has been shattered. "Pill-boxes" are the latest phase of the Hun evolution of defence. When the Germans had learned the lesson of the Somme offensive—that their trench system was not impregnable against the British barrage and infantry attacks—they inaugurated the system of "strong points" (a phrase frequently used by Sir Douglas Haig in recent communique).

Strong points are little concealed spots, more often than not dug on the lip of a shell crater, well provisioned, and supplied with ammunition, and capable of independent resistance from attack on all sides.

The German dotted these strong points all along their front, and the positions were so well chosen and so cunningly hidden that it was extremely difficult to get their range and put the machine guns with which they bristled out of action, so as to allow the infantry to advance without heavy casualties.

The Germans, with their usual thoroughness, went further. They elaborated this system of defence, and what the Tommies have named "pill-boxes" are the result. "Pill-boxes" are miniature reinforced concrete forts, or block-houses, with walls and roofs 5 ft. thick in many cases, half-buried into the ground, with loopholes for machine guns on all sides. They are closed by a heavy steel door, so that they are safe from troops that may work their way round to the rear to reduce the garrison with bombs.

They are held, according to their size and position, by well-trained troops numbering from eight to thirty; the larger ones have more than one compartment. They are fitted with stores (for which flues and ventilating shafts are provided) and ammunition and rationed, so that the garrison can hold out without fresh supplies from the dumps.

Nothing but a direct hit from one of our biggest guns can put them out of action, and sometimes even this fails to break up the concrete. In such cases, however, the concussion is so great that the garrison are rendered inensible.

In other instances the "pill-boxes" have been knocked on their sides, making them an easy prey for our bombers.

If successful in smashing our bombardment the "pill-boxes" is effective. The great majority of

remain a menace to the advance of the British infantry, who push forward unconscious of their presence until devastating machine-gun fire is opened.

Concealed in the ruins of shattered farmhouses and cottages, cleverly covered with earth and vegetation, it is almost impossible for the "pill-boxes" to be detected on aeroplane photographs.

But the "pill-box" has failed. Our troops have advanced and captured the whole of an elaborately contrived system of fortification with, as Sir Douglas Haig says, light losses.

Thrilling stories of how the British dealt with the "pill-boxes" are told in despatches from the British correspondents at the front.

Mr. Percival Phillips says: A stout concrete dog-out half-way between Westhoek and Zonnebeke was the toughest nut we had to crack at the southern edge of the open "pill-box" country, and it was necessary to send out flanking parties before the doors were shattered and the remnants of the garrison flew out through the smoke. The Germans showed resistance only when they thought their shelters were strong enough to withstand bombardment and bombs.

Mr. Bosch Thomas says: "One very merry NCO, with his right hand nearly blown off, treated his wound as a huge joke. He had wriggled up to a 'pill-box', and slipped a bomb in the 'letter slot' as he called it, when a bullet from within hit his hand. He regarded it as a legitimate and humorous score for the Germans within thought they had got their guns off just in time. Farther north a German officer bolted from a wrecked 'pill-box', dived into a bigger garrison to a determined resistance. Nevertheless, in spite of the number of these forts, our casualties were light except here and there, as where two English regiments were exposed to the full sweep of machine guns.

"We have found an answer to the new German system of defence, the concrete fort. The science of attack has once again caught up the defence."

The Times correspondent says:—All the wounded shouted with laughter as they told of the Germans surrendering (not knowing whether to dance or stand on their heads), said one as they streamed out of their concrete shelters. One man had climbed on top of a "pill-box" door, when a bullet from an unseen place caught him in the shoulder. He seemed to think it funny.

Many concrete "pill-boxes" were found shattered by our big guns, but only a direct hit from the largest gun, 12 in. or upward, was effective. The great majority of

## LANGUAGE BARRIER.

What is Hindering Japan's Progress.

In his address to the members of the Japanese Parliamentary Mission, who were entertained recently by the Japan Society at a luncheon at the Lawyers' Club, 115, Broadway, New York, Mr. Lindsay Russell, president of the Society, said nothing could be more beneficial to Japan and the United States than free communication and quicker interchange of ideas. The Parliamentary Mission, which arrived here yesterday from Washington, is in this country to study the working of our Governmental machinery, and to carry back to Japan an exact account of conditions in America affecting the relations between the two nations.

The Mission is composed of five members, representing the four great political parties of Japan, and is headed by T. Masao, a jurist, and for many years adviser to the Government of Siam. The other members are T. Shimada, a member of the Tokio bar; K. Mochizuki, a member of the party in opposition to the present Japanese Premier, Y. Uchida, and S. Yamano. Mr. Russell made the address of welcome, and Mr. Masao responded on behalf of the Mission. The other speakers were Mr. Alton B. Parker and Mr. Marshall Knapp.

Mr. Russell urged the members of the Mission to carry back to Japan three ideas. First, he said, there should be, if possible, a reduction of cable tolls between the United States and Japan. In the second place, he called attention to the fact that there are few English publications in Japan. These, he said, constituted the only means Americans have of obtaining current information regarding Japan, and urged that these publications be kept effective and reliable. His third suggestion was for a broader knowledge of the English language in Japan.

"One of the greatest barriers to Japan's progress, and intercourse with the outside world is the Chinese ideograph," said Mr. Russell. "National pride and conservative literary instinct prompts you to cling to it. But any one who is at all mindful of your destiny as a nation must realise the importance of a wider use of the Roman alphabet, so that intercourse with you may be facilitated."

"Thus, it is hoped, are practical suggestions. We have dallied too long in the nebulous and unproductive realm of sentiment and oratory. Let us do something constructive."

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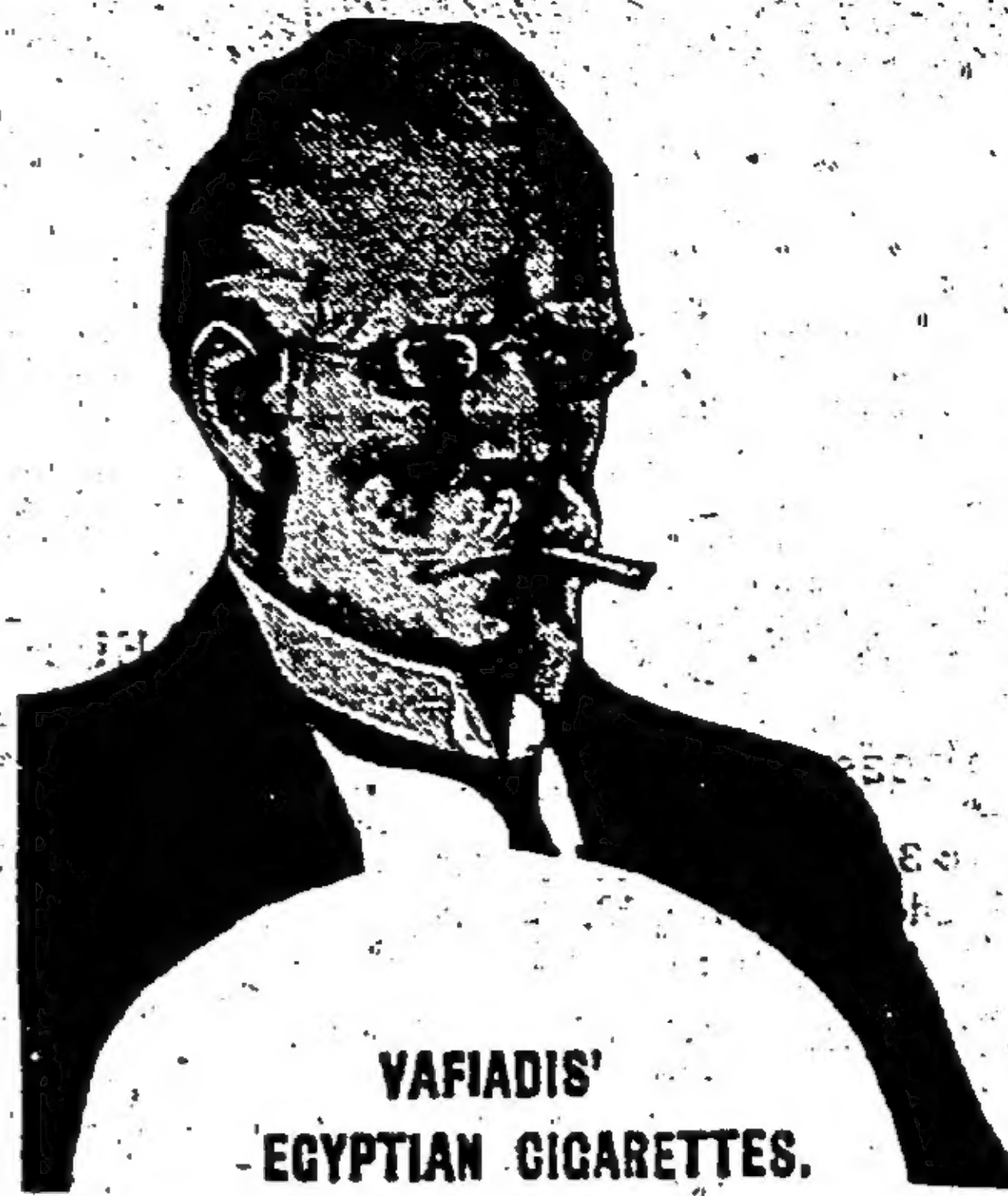
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## GENERAL NEWS.

Our Army Commanders.  
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advocate—it is one of its many  
attractions—but one may doubt  
whether anonymity is not carried  
too far: when you find that the  
general public are not so much  
acquainted with the names of  
the Army Commanders, some of  
whom command as many as 500,  
000 men. The Army Commanders  
under Sir Douglas Haig are  
6-day-General Horne, General  
Plumer, General Byng, General  
Rawlinson, General Gough. It  
is a humiliation to all of us, adds  
The Globe, that such names as  
Ramsay MacDonald, Snowden,  
Trevelyan, Ponsonby, Morel, and  
Outhwaite are far more familiar.  
Crossing the Atlantic on a  
Ton of Coal.

Among the many inventions  
offered to the Inventors' Board  
of the Council of Defence is one  
presented in by an American, Mr. G.  
T. Giragosian, who lives in  
Boston, Massachusetts, and Con-  
gress itself has taken a great  
interest in it. It has to do with  
the storage of energy, which the  
inventor claims will revolutionize  
Atlantic transportation. He de-  
clares that his invention will drive  
a vessel across the Atlantic on  
the power derived from a single  
ton of coal. This has been re-  
ported upon so favourably after  
an investigation that Congress  
has voted an appropriation to go  
into the matter more thoroughly  
and experiment.

Chinese Railway Disaster.  
After the fall of Changsha the  
retreating Northern soldiers made  
a rush for the railway station.  
They got into an empty train and  
wanted the station-master to  
despatch the train at once to  
Yochow. The station-master,  
however, refused to comply with  
their request, as he was expecting  
another train to get into Changsha  
from Yochow. His remonstrances  
were, however, of no avail, for  
the soldiers promptly seized the  
train and started off for Yochow.  
Somewhere down the line the two  
trains met, with the result that  
over 300 soldiers were killed and  
a large number wounded. Most  
of the victims belonged to the  
17th Mixed Brigade and the 20th  
Division. A few Arabi troops  
were also among the casualties.

An Unrecorded Tragedy of  
the Sea.

The s.s. Tacon Maru No. 16  
(2,444 tons), which has not been  
heard of since Sept. 8th, has now  
been given up as a total loss, says  
the Kobe Herald. The steamer  
left Hankow Sept. 8th for Wak-  
atsuki. Messrs. Hashimoto and  
Co., the owners, as well as the  
Admiralty, have made every  
possible search for the missing  
steamer, but without success.  
The company sent Mr. Misugi  
away on Oct. 1st to ascertain the  
fate of the steamer, but he was  
unable to obtain any news. The  
steamer is insured with the Tokyo  
Marine Insurance Company for  
¥400,000. The company is con-  
sidering what steps should be  
taken for the families of the crew,  
numbering 28. As the Tacon  
Maru No. 16 was heavily laden  
with ore and as it is known that  
exceptionally severe weather set  
in in the Eastern Sea shortly  
after she left the mouth of the  
Yangtze, there is only too much  
reason to fear that the vessel  
foundered with all hands.

How To Staff a University.  
Those who advocate the  
establishment of a University in  
the Straits (says the Singapore  
Free Press) may like to take  
account of what the President of  
the Board of Education said at  
Cardiff. If they wished to have  
a great university the first step  
was to secure great men to teach  
in it. The great universities of the  
world had been founded by great  
men of genius, of inspiration, and  
of driving force, who could kindle  
the souls of their students and  
diffuse an enthusiasm for the high-  
things of learning. Therefore, to  
establish a strong and powerful  
university was to get great men,  
and he would say that not a bad  
way of getting great men was to  
pay them well. A university  
staffed with few first-class pro-  
fessors was a mediocre university.  
One staffed with 100 mediocre  
professors. All the great  
universities of the world had  
built up their reputation on the  
teaching powers, the research  
work, the inspiration, and the  
influence of the number of great  
characters in each.



## GENERAL NEWS.

## Russia at London University.

At a meeting of the Senate of the London University, the Vice-Chancellor (Sir Cooper Perry) presiding, the cordial thanks of the Senate were voted to the London County Council for their grant of £600 a year for the salary of the holder of the Professorship of Russia to be instituted at King's College, and to the Drapers' Company for the renewal of their annual grant of £500 for Biometric Laboratory at University College.

## Notable Golf Performance.

"Holing in one" at golf is not the uncommon feat it used to be (says the Sportsman), but the latest instance brought to our notice has certainly something of the unusual about it. Two months ago Vasco, known to music-hall-goers as "the mad musician," did a hole in one while playing at Wimbledon. His opponent was Mr. Dave Carter, and Vasco offered to bet any odds that Mr. Carter would not accomplish the same performance at any time during his membership of the club. Had the bet been fixed Vasco would have had to pay, for two months to a day after the Vasco event Mr. Carter did precisely the same hole in one while playing a round.

## Minister Eulogises "Bob" Fitzsimmons.

Robert Fitzsimmons, who died at Chicago on Oct. 22, was buried at Graceland Cemetery. Funeral services for the former champion heavyweight pugilist were held in the Moody Tabernacle, conducted by the Rev. Paul Rader, himself an athlete in his college days on the Pacific Coast. More than three thousand persons from all walks of life attended, and filed by the altar at the close of the services. "This man fought many battles," Mr. Rader said, "and tasted the sweets of victory more often than he did the acid defeat. But he never fought a greater fight than the one with himself which led to renunciation of the old for the new men. It took courage to face the contemptuous laugh, the sneer, the doubt cast on his sincerity when the big athlete submitted to baptism by the little Baptist clergyman at Los Angeles. His baptism was the symbol of the casting off of the old man for the new. All the world despises a quitter; all the world admires a hero. Bob fought his final fight as he had fought his ring battles—with indomitable courage. The son of an Episcopal clergyman, his early training was never wholly forgotten and helped him in his final victory—that over death." From the career of the former pugilist the pastor urged his hearers to draw its lesson with special application to themselves.

## Gigantic Comet Approaching.

A gigantic comet outshining in size and brilliancy all those seen in modern times, including Halley's, is speeding through the solar system towards the sun at the approximate rate of 1,134,248 miles a day. The comet will be a thing of glory in the north-western sky this coming winter, probably remaining visible for three months. It will be at its best in June. To illustrate the size of this new member of the solar system, recall the fact that Halley's Comet, which held the centre of the stellar stage in 1911, was seen through the great telescope eight months before perihelion, which is a planet's closest approach to the sun. The new comet was seen fourteen months before perihelion—or six months earlier than Halley's was seen or sought for. It appeared on the photographic plate at the end of Professor Max Wolf's telescope at Heidelberg one evening in April, 1916. Dr. Wolf thought it a new asteroid and was about to add it to the large collection of those small planets already listed among the astronomical exhibits, but a second and third observation showed the stranger to be an eccentric comet—a member of the cometary school and of enormous size. It was then something like 433,000,000 miles distant. Dr. Wolf reported the comet officially, and it will go down in popular history as Wolf's Comet.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

## Yachts Turned Into 'Tramps.'

Second hand steam yachts continue to find ready purchasers in those who are anxious at all costs to obtain cargo carrying boats. The royal yacht of Siam, the Maha Chakri, has been sold for conversion into a trader. She is a large vessel, and can be well adapted as a passenger and cargo steamer. The iron steam yacht Dotterell, 214 tons yacht measurement, built 30 years ago, and sold less than four months ago for £3,900, has been resold for \$10,000, delivered to purchaser on alteration to a cargo carrier. The coasting steamer Gladys, 179 tons gross, built in 1900, sold last December for £5,500, has been resold for \$9,500, and the s.s. Volga, 281 tons gross, built in 1881, has been sold for \$15,000. —Singapore Free Press.

## "The War Waits On America."

No prospect of an early termination of the war is to be found in an article entitled "The War Waits On America," which Frank B. Simonds contributes to the American Review of Reviews. He says: "To me the present peace means that the French and British High Commands have definitely laid aside all thought of a victory—a decision—in 1917, and mean, aside from local attacks designed to improve their positions and drive the Germans out of high land and down to the plain, as at Arras and Ypres, to wait another year—and America. This means that the British are satisfied that the submarine menace will not win the war. It must mean that they are convinced that, despite great losses, it will not bring starvation this year or next. It must mean that the Allies believe they can face the hazards of another year of war better than the colossal expense in lives and effort to get a decision this year, with Russia out and American unready. Unless all signs fail, American troops will be in the battle line when the real great advance begins. The same writer expresses his conviction that the war will last well into 1919, when there will be a million Americans in the European field.

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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J. M. BECK, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1917.

## NOTICES.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY notified that on the 8th January proximo, at 3 P.M., at the Public Works Department, and before a Committee presided by the Engineer Director of the Public Works, tenders will be received for the contract of "Erection of a building for the Colonial Secretary's Office."

The conditions of the tendering, the specifications and the plans of the building are open to the public at the Public Works Department and in the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong, where they can be examined all on week days.

Macao, Public Works Department, 6th December, 1917.  
RAUL M. DE FARIA E MAIA  
Engineer Director.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Consignees of Cargo from EUROPE per the Company's steamship.

"MISHIMA MARU" are hereby notified that as this steamer had an outbreak of fire on board while she was off the Canary Islands on 27th October, 1917, on her way to the East, it has been decided that the damage sustained and the expenditure incurred therefrom shall form a subject for General Average contribution. Consignees are therefore requested to sign Average Bond at this office and to fill in Valuation Forms which may be supplied upon application, as well as to pay to the ship's agents a deposit of ONE per cent, (1%) of the market value of their respective consignments, before taking delivery of their goods, on ship's arrival here on Thursday, the 13th instant.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1917.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Company's Steamship

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 20th December, 1917, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.  
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## NOTICES.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Colonial Treasurer  
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## THE DISAPPEARING JUNK.

Chinese. Forsaking them for Steamers.

The Chinese junk, that clumsy, picturesque craft which has figured so largely in the sea lives of the Chinese, is gradually disappearing from the ocean trade routes. Where there were hundreds of the big, awkward ships in coast-wise traffic, to-day there are but dozens.

The two reasons given for the decline in junk trade are the invasion of steam craft and the losses incurred through brigands. Statistics from practically every port in China furnish ample evidence that the day of the junk is passed.

The name junk as applied to the largest of Chinese sailing craft is a corruption of the Portuguese juncos, which in turn was taken from the Malay jong. The first Chinese boats, perhaps not so large as the present day junk, were the invention of Ho Shik-wu, a pious woman, who became one of the eight Taoist geni, according to the Chinese version. This first boat appeared in the third century before the Christian era. In medieval times the Chinese proved adventurous voyagers, travelling to the Straits Settlements, India and Japan. At one time junks formed the Chinese navy.

The few junks that are still seen on the trade routes, notwithstanding their uncouth shape, huge square sails, high sterns, rakish masts and general clumsy appearance, are picturesque. With their bizarre hulls, brilliantly painted to frighten away sea devils, fish eyes bulging from the bow; the gingerbread work and carvings; the brown and black sails, often speckled with numerous patches; gay coloured pennants flying from the mast top and the half clad, almost grotesquely garbed crew—they present a picture in the world.

As early as 1911 the gradual extinction of the junk trade was foreshadowed. Although a cheap means of transportation, the modern steam and gasoline boats proved, from a commercial standpoint, superior, and with each year the old junk has been supplanted by steam craft. The Maritime Customs' Return of Trade and Trade Reports for 1916 show that the decline in the arrival of sea-going junks at Tientsin was 30 per cent. and clearances 29 per cent. as compared with 1915. Similar declines occurred at Chefoo, and other northern ports. While the number of junks show an increase in arrivals and departures in Shanghai the tonnage has declined.

In South China even greater destruction has been wrought in the junk trade, and this was due chiefly to brigandage, particularly in the Pearl River delta. Practically all the Commissioners of Customs in the South China ports, in their last annually published reports, refer to the manner in which the Chinese junk is giving way to the steam vessels. The ability of the steam vessel to escape the pirates, by virtue of its speed, and also because of the foreign protection afforded it, has led to its being engaged by shippers in preference to the junks. Mr. George E. Anderson, Consul at Hongkong, in his report to the United States Government, states that the Commissioner at Canton in his 1916 report shows the value of junk trade passing through his office in that year was only Tls. 38,000,000, instead of the Tls. 39,000,000 of the preceding year. The decrease, he stated, was due entirely to the two causes mentioned previously. The Commissioner at Lappa describes conditions at length and indicates that most of the lost trade of the port of 1915 was due to brigandage. At Kongmoon only 1,811 junks cleared that port as compared with 4,510 in 1915. The consul further remarked that the junk trade was being killed, and although at a higher freight rate, the trade was going to steam vessels.

A result of the trade going to foreign style vessels means that it will never return again to the

## HON. E. S. MONTAGU.

His Movements in India.

The Right Hon. E. S. Montagu, Secretary of State, and party consisting of Lord Donoughmore, Chairman of the Committee, House of Lords, Mr. O. B. Roberts, M.P., Sir William Duke, Member of the Council of India, Mr. M. C. Seton, Secretary, Judicial and Public Departments, India Office, Mr. Kitch, Private Secretary, and Mr. Parsons, Assistant Private Secretary, proceeded to Delhi on November 9.

A correspondent of the Associated Press of India who arrived in Bombay, as an ordinary passenger, by the same vessel as the Secretary of State, says that Mr. Montagu and the other members of his party all travelled unpretentiously like other P. and O. passengers with whom they mixed freely on the voyage which was an uneventful one. None of the party allowed themselves to be interviewed on the subject of their mission, on which Mr. Montagu is understood, to have still an entirely open mind, his object in visiting India being, as already announced in Parliament, to discuss with the Viceroy and other authorities, official and non-official, in this country the best method of carrying out the policy announced on September 20th.

He has brought no cut and dried scheme with him and is desirous of hearing all sides before committing himself to any one set of proposals.

It will be remembered as the Viceroy has already stated, that he sent an invitation to Mr. Chamberlain, when still in office, and suggested that he should proceed to India this cold weather, and when Mr. Montagu succeeded to office, Lord Chelmsford transferred the invitation to him.

Mr. Montagu is thus merely carrying out what had been proposed to his predecessor. The association with the mission of two such experienced and respected members of Parliament as Lord Donoughmore and Mr. Roberts, also of so broad-minded an Anglo-Indian administrator as Sir William Duke, and of so trusted a member of the Home Civil Service as Mr. Seton, should be a guarantee that the enquiry will be impartially conducted and that no decision will be come to until all sides have been fully heard.

No pronouncement of any kind can be expected for some time and probably not until after the return of the Secretary of State to England. No particulars of the places in India to be visited by the Secretary of State were procurable on board, nothing more being known there about the programme, than has already been announced by the Government of India, but interviews granted by the Secretary of State to the members of representative bodies and other persons of importance will usually be of an informal character and will not therefore be reported.

Throughout his visit Mr. Montagu will act in the closest co-operation with the Viceroy and Government of India.

Sir John Anderson. His Excellency Sir John Anderson's condition remains unchanged says a Ceylon message of November 23.

junk. A few Chinese merchants still prefer to ship their goods in native style boats, because of the cheapness; but after repeated robberies, they find it much more economical to use the steam vessel. The passing of the junk is only what might be expected from progress and is similar to the passing of the old sailing schooner. Comparatively few of the old four-masted are seen on the seas to-day. The greater cargo-carrying, speedier steam craft have superseded the graceful old sailer, and the few remaining in the trade are principally lumber carriers.

So this picturesque assemblage of coloured wood and square sails, which looks as though the builders might have begun their task in the antediluvian age, is doomed to extinction, like many other things Chinese.

## GENUINE CLUB COURTESY.

A correspondent (says the New York Outlook) sends us the following interesting account of how a group of clubmen are doing their bit to help win the war in rather a unique fashion:

"The aristocratic club of a flourishing city in central New York had long been famous for the number of young bloods who assembled every afternoon just before dinner for their cocktails and every evening for their highballs. The club was the drinking place for the well-to-do men of the city, and no attempt was made to disguise it. Recently the Federal Government established a military depot in this city for a specialised arm of the service. The city club, with laudable patriotism, immediately threw open its doors to all the commissioned officers of the service. The lounge-room, the dining room, the library, the pool-room, are filled every day with men in khaki. But Uncle Sam has issued an order that no liquor shall be served to a man in uniform, and the club obeyed the rule to the letter. Not an officer, even in his private room, could obtain a drink. Much sympathy was felt by the civilian club members because of the enforced abstinence of their soldier guests; the sympathy soon took a tinge of shame, and finally blossomed into a rare chivalry. The members of the club said among themselves 'It is bad form for us to be taking our drinks in the presence of these men who are deprived of theirs. Let us cut it out.' So the members of the club voluntarily pledged themselves not to drink in the presence of the officers. It may be called total abstinence by courtesy. For many weeks, now practically no liquor of any kind has been served to any one in the club, although the wine cellars and the bar are well stocked. The two bartenders, with their legitimate occupations gone, have been turned to food waiters, and do not seem to resent the change. The club is just as popular as ever, and its members have a glow of virtue in the feeling that they are doing voluntarily what Uncle Sam compels their brothers-in-arms to do under penalty."

## Air Raid Trophies.

Many lives have been risked during the London air raids by persons running from shelter to pick up pieces of scrap metal. In one case in North London a boy and a sailor had a rough scuffle for a formidable piece of metal. The former secured it, and while the two pursued their search some more shrapnel fell, wounding both of them on the back of the hands. The sailor ultimately purchased the disputed fragment for 2s.

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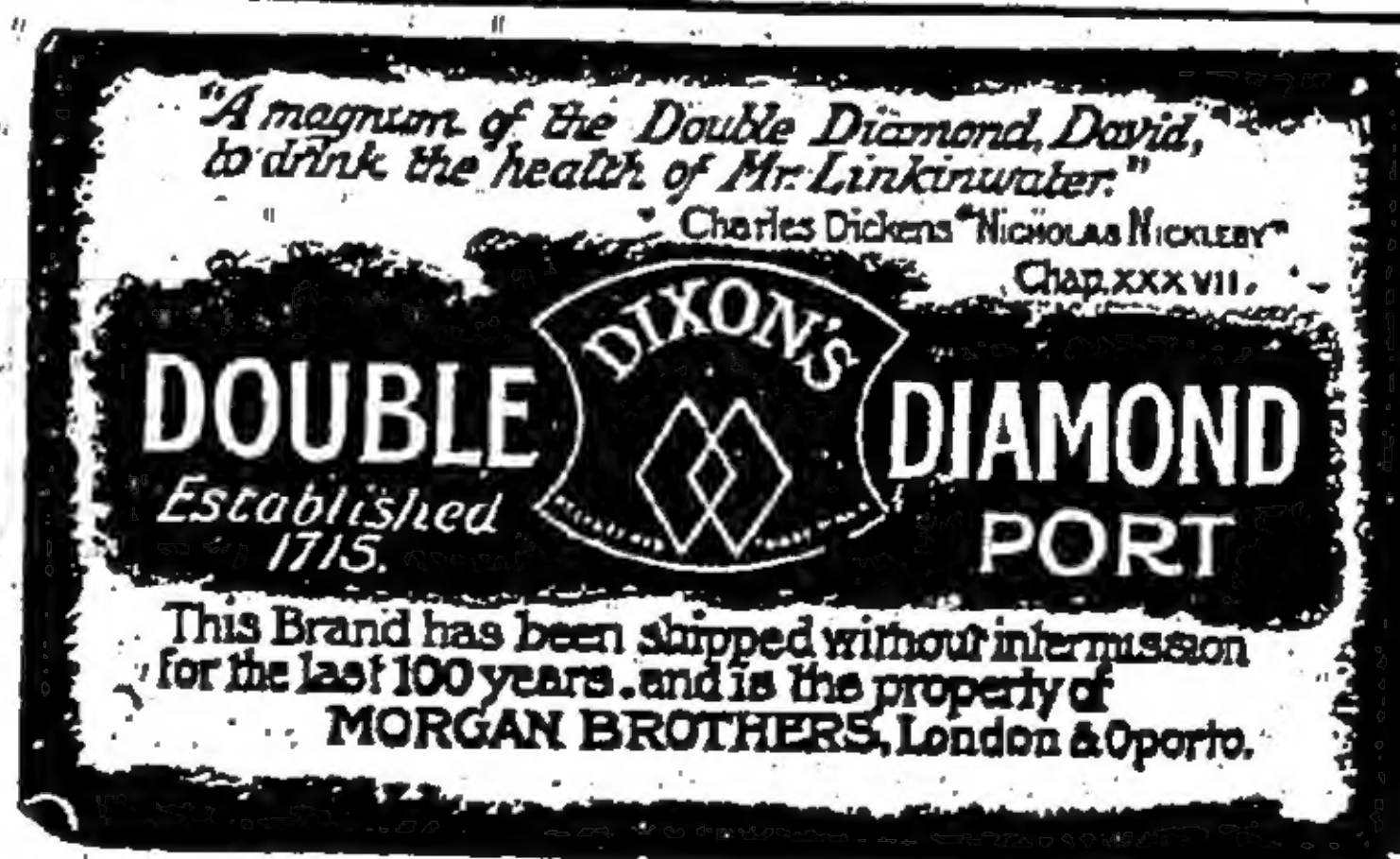
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filled a similar position in connection with the tour of 1899 and 1902, when Darling acted as captain. An Englishman by birth, Major Wardill went out to Australia when nineteen years old. He was a fine judge of cricket and cricketers, though he possessed no special ability as a player; and he was eminently successful in the somewhat difficult part of manager of a cricket team.

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| 1 "      | Burgundy, Burgoyne's                 | "     |
| 1 "      | Brandy, Martell's XXX                | "     |
| 2 "      | Whisky, King George IV or Perfection | "     |
| 2 "      | Port, Tawny Dry                      | "     |
| 2 "      | Claret, St. Julien                   | Quart |
| 1 "      | Gin Old Tom or Dry "D.O.L."          | "     |
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| 1 "      | Sherry, Amontillado W.S.             | "     |
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

China Coast Gazette.  
Captain A. S. Malcolm, of the Kiangfoo, has resigned. Mr. J. A. Nines, chief officer, Kiangfoo, has gone acting master, same ship. Mr. J. Bremer-Hansen, chief officer, Kiangwah, as gone chief officer, Kiangfoo. Mr. G. W. Watkins, second officer, Feiching is deceased. Mr. E. Guthrie, from reserve, has gone second officer, Feiching.—Shipping and Engineering.Officer Transferred from  
Army to Navy.

After a considerable amount of delay in the matter, we are pleased to say (says the "Journal of Commerce") that still another merchant officer in the person of Mr. W. Darling has recently been transferred from the Army to the Navy. It was in the spring of the present year that the Imperial Merchant Service Guild first heard from this officer, he being then at the Front serving in the 17th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Steps were at once taken to submit his case to the Admiralty with the result after much correspondence that he has at last been transferred after 22 months' service in the Army, of which nearly fourteen months have been on active service. Prior to joining the Army this officer, who holds a master's certificate, served as junior and troop officer in the P. and O. steamer Palermo. He is a New Zealander by birth, having been born at Clinton. His many friends will wish him the best of good fortune in his new rank. In writing to thank the Guild, Sub-Lieutenant Darling says: "I must thank you very much for this transfer—I have had two winters in the trenches, and do not know how I would have got through another."

Shipping Losses.

The large British steamer Camswan is reported to have been in collision with another steamer on October 19 and to have sunk. The crew were saved. Full particulars of the vessel are not yet available in Lloyd's Register Book, but she is shown to have had a length of 335ft., a beam of 47ft., and a depth of 25ft. She was only built this year at Blyth, with corrugated sides, and was owned by the Osborne Steamship Company, of Blyth. Lloyd's agent at Barcelona telegraphs that the British steamer Perim sank as the result of a collision off Tarragona with another British steamer. The crew were saved and landed at Tarragona by the colliding steamer. The Perim was an iron steamer of 1,248 tons, built at Glasgow in 1877, and managed by the Ellerman Lines (Limited). A Lloyd's message states that the American schooner Van Allen-Boughton, which left Norfolk, Va., on August 6, experienced boisterous weather and started to leak on August 10. Pumps were kept going until September 2, when they could no longer be used, and the vessel was abandoned on September 3 and sank on the following day. The Van Allen-Boughton was a wooden five-masted schooner of 2,129 tons, built in 1900, and owned by the Coastwise Transportation Company—"The Times."

The Past Recalled.

Mr. Thomas Ramsay, of Southwick, Sunderland, who, with his wife, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding recently, is old enough to remember the time when there were even more shippards on the river Wear than there are now, and when the local industries were more varied in their character, for his memory goes back to the period when there were about 100 small shippards, four lime works, six bottle works, four potteries, and eight or ten forges or chain works and foundries on Weaside. He saw the building of the first iron ship ever constructed on the river, by Mr. George Clark and his boiler-makers at the Wreath Quay, east of Wearmouth Drops. He himself started work at ten years of age at a small ropery at Southwick. For five years thereafter he served in a local office, after which he went for a voyage in a wooden barge to Mauritius, Aden, and Colombo, which voyage, the barge being dismasted in the Indian Ocean, took 14 months. In 1857 Mr. Ramsay went into the office of Mr. Samuel Tyzack and Co., Monkwearmouth Ironworks, then in Bonner's Field, and continued in their employ for the long term of 53 years as cashier and accountant, retiring through ill-health in 1912 on a pension granted by the Company.







## LOCAL MAGAZINES.

## The "Police Reserve Gazette's" Anniversary Number.

With the December number of this entertaining little publication, the official organ of the Hongkong Police Reserve begins the second year of its existence. On the last occasion that we referred to the *Gazette* we offered congratulations on the good work done by all connected with the publication during the first year of its existence and wished it well for the future. The present issue, which takes the form of a Special Anniversary Number, is certainly most promising, as Volume Two makes its bow in a new dress, considerably enlarged and with a very pleasing cover, printed on which is a clever drawing by Lieut. F. Millington, who finely portrays Father Time, dressed in Police Reserve uniform, ushering in the *Gazette's* new volume carried by a diminutive Reservist. It is a most appropriate and clever cartoon. The contents of the *Gazette* are, as usual, extremely good, and should prove acceptable to the general public as to members of the Corps. In his Notes, the Editor, after referring to the success of the magazine, expresses the hope that as it is now intended to devote a proportion of the profits derived from the publication to war charities, the circulation will continue to increase. On its merits the *Gazette* certainly deserves to meet with continued success. As for the contents of the current number they are as varied and interesting as in previous numbers. "E.W.H." introduces the new volume with an appropriate verse entitled "After Twelve Months." This month "Aunt Dorothy's" contribution is illustrated. It deals with her visit to the "Princely House" and is as entertaining as ever. Samuel Creed Pepp's Diary on "Heather Day" is also splendidly done. The other features are equally up to standard, and the result of last month's competition and particulars of two Special Anniversary Number Competitions are announced. This Anniversary Number should appeal to a large number of readers.

The "Yellow Dragon." The December number of the Queen's College magazine is to hand. As usual, it is bright and breezy, containing much that is of interest to others than those for whom it is primarily intended. We take the liberty of reproducing the following, which appears under the heading of "Fame! Not so Famous!! Infamous!!"—"More stories about former editors of the *Yellow Dragon* continue to arrive. Very likely when we have been deposed, articles exhibiting us in an unfavourable light will be published, so while we have the chance we will obtain our pound of flesh. The following story is told about a former editor, a brilliant English scholar, an aspirant after literary honours, and now well known in India. He was a very English Englishman (nothing Scotch, Irish, or Welsh about him) with the laurels of a great Public School and a still greater University still green on his brow. One day while he was busy teaching Shakespeare to Class I, a native of Mesopotamia, dressed in clergyman's garb, who was being shown round the building, entered the class room. After an introduction had been effected our brilliant predecessor's breath was all but taken away by the native who pattingly tapping him on the shoulder exclaimed—"You speak English remarkably well. I suppose you have been to Europe."

## Shooting Trip.

Mr. N. J. Stabb, chief manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, of Hongkong, returned to Shanghai at the close of last week from a brief holiday, devoted to a shooting trip near Wuhan. They report that the country is being terribly shot over by native pothunters. Cannot that prohibition of the export of game be speeded up?

## HONGKONG TRADE.

## Chamber of Commerce Report.

The Fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce under date of December 14, states:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Although prices on this side are better we are still hopelessly below home parities and simultaneous business is impracticable at present. Some small sales have been effected from stock at advancing rates. Cotton has declined to 22.523 but Manchester prices show considerable advance.

Cotton Yarn.—The fortnight has shown a quiet market with little business put through. 10s and 12s, being in somewhat short supply, are steady, but 20s have declined by 8/10. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$140/178. No. 12s at \$161/178. No. 16s at \$185/192. No. 20s at \$185/218. Arrivals 3,700 bales. Sales 2,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold stock 7,000 bales. Bargains 17,000 bales.

Raw Cotton.—Values of China staple have appreciated to \$50/60 per picul and a small business has been transacted while Indian Cotton is nominally quoted at \$50/54.

Canton silk.—Messrs. Herbert Dent and Co., in their report dated December 1, state:—Stock:—5,000 bales. Market.—Silk.—Our market has remained in much the same state as when our last circular was issued. Exchange has continued steady. There has been steady buying to a limited extent for France and a very limited demand for America. Owing to dealers anxiety to sell a further decline in prices has been recorded, especially for coarse sizes, to the extent of \$20 to \$40 per picul. Waste.—In spite of the lower prices of silk, is very strong, country dealers having apparently taken advantage of the large contract reported and shown signs of making the dealers on this market pay heavily. Buyers are reported to be able to pay about \$135 to 138 per picul.

Metals.—No new business to report except a small sale of steel rods at \$13.50 per picul Jan./Feb. shipment. Tinplates locally are much firmer. Stocks are becoming exhausted and are unlikely to be replaced for some time.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: About 250,000 sacks. Market daily. Quotations:—American Patent, \$4.65 per sack; Japanese 2nd Patent, 2.95 per sack; Japanese 3rd Patent, 2.90 per sack; Japanese Straight, 3.00 per sack; Shanghai Flour, 3.05 per sack; Australian Flour, 3.34 per sack.

Sugar.—Market steady.

## THE JEWISH REGIMENT.

## Must Earn the Right to A Special Badge.

Lord Derby states that a Jewish deputation urged that the original scheme regarding the Jewish Regiment—Jewish in name and with the badge of the Shield of David—should be adhered to.

He replied that as far as military exigencies permitted the regiment while in training would be allowed Saturday as the day of rest and that kosher food would be provided where possible, but that on active service such concessions could not possibly be promised. The present intention was to send the battalions to Palestine, but at any moment a military situation might arise which would necessitate their being employed elsewhere.

He could not accede to the request for a distinctive name and badge. The badges and distinctive names of British regiments had been won by glorious deeds in the past and it would not be just or right to give a badge and title, which would be associated with Jewish generally to new battalions not yet even formed, and so confer on them the same privilege as had been won by other regiments during the many wars of the Empire. Let them earn for themselves the right to have such special distinction and he would be quite prepared then to reconsider the question.

## A PHRASE EXPLAINED.

## "We have won"—Have We?

When a soldier statesman of such habitual caution as General Smuts declares that we have won the war it can be premised at the outset that there is good and sufficient reason for so bold a statement, says "One who knows" in the *Weekly Dispatch*. But in seeking evidence in support of our victory, seeing that Germany still holds Northern France, Belgium, Serbia, the most fertile parts of Rumania and Poland, it is necessary not to be hypnotised by the adroit arguments of Bethmann-Hollweg that the map of Europe is the only faithful recorder of the position.

Indeed, if it came to a question of maps we can prove that very much more conquered territory is held by the Allies; yet it would be as futile to draw any victorious conclusion from that assumption as it would be to deduce triumph for Germany from her territorial gains in Europe. And there is this difference, that whereas Germany is in no condition to challenge the Allied possession of her Colonies the Allies are challenging, and will continue to challenge with ever greater promise of success, her retention of Northern France, Belgium, Serbia, etc.

To understand the meaning of General Smuts's words we have to take many factors into consideration. To begin with, Germany by her keen desire to obtain a peace that will save the face of her ruling caste, confesses that she cannot defeat the immense coalition arrayed against her. In that sense then she has lost the war. On the other hand, the Allies, who have given unstinted aid of their blood and treasure in order to crush Prussian militarism, may justifiably detect in the enemy admission of inability to achieve the war aims of the world-dominion party the first sure sign that the Prussian militarist hold on the German nation is beginning to be shaken.

When Germany risked the enmity of America to inaugurate her sink-at-sight U-boat campaign, that was a confession of despair at the prospect of gaining a military victory. It indicated that the most the enemy hoped for was that England would be starved out before the German line collapsed, not because of any showy or theatrical strategic break through, but from sheer inanition and exhaustion. "The U-boat stroke has not succeeded. At the most it may bring us to reduced rations, but it cannot effect any decision, if wisdom on the part of the Government accompanies timely discipline."

The price that Germany is paying for her submarine bid for victory is the organised military, political, and economic effort of America, which is expressing itself in three forms:—

1. The raising of a huge army to fight in Europe.
2. The completion of the world financial and economic blockade of Germany.
3. The full development of world hostility to German aims and German methods.

Henceforth Germany fights a hopeless battle with four-fifths of the world arrayed against her. She fights it, knowing that the longer she struggles the more hopelessly she compromises her future. "Germany, temporarily, may have won considerable tracts of land in Europe, but the Allied cause has won four-fifths of the world, and, on balance, who would envy the enemy or say that General Smuts exaggerated at all when he affirmed that we had won the war."

To have isolated Germany so completely is almost alone sufficient to have won the war.

The Central Powers, even adding their territorial gains, are not self-sufficing. They must, if they are to enjoy any economic future, come to the Allies for certain indispensable commodities, such as wool, gold, nickel, cotton, copper, lubricating oil, fats, etc. In other words, they must trade with the four-fifths of the world that, until they are repentant, will steadfastly refuse to have anything to do with them, but will persist in their siege until the fruits of the Allied supremacy in the military

sense are reaped, as; in the economic and moral sense they have already been reaped.

Though Germany is beaten she holds on, and may continue to hold on, for some time yet. Her resources, however, are fast dwindling. By dint of scraping her man-power to the bone and by extortionate drafts on the manpower of Turkey she believes she will be able to weather the winter and the spring; thereafter, Micawber-like, she trusts that something will turn up to give her a way out—pacifist propaganda in the Allied countries, food privations, war-weariness, any of the concomitants, in fact, of the last stage of a prolonged war.

She knows, however, if the Allies set themselves doggedly to see the thing through, despite the additional and inevitable further sacrifices that they will be called upon to make, that there can only be one end. And in the light of that knowledge General Smuts's declaration that we have won the war is vindicated.

Take the situation in Germany and survey the facts truthfully and dispassionately. The people are sick of the war, and all but a clamant section of the populace, the Prussians, who fear the curbing of their power, would go down on their knees for peace to-morrow. But peace can only be obtained on certain terms, and those terms are destructive of Kaiserism. "The Kaiser then fights not only the Allies but his own people to save himself, and he fights in the last ditch with Hindenburg, Ludendorff, von Tirpitz, and the rest of the Prussian Old Gang."

The stock of raw materials not found in Germany are fast running out, if not already exhausted. There is a wool famine, a cotton famine, a butter and lard famine. The shortage of labour and the absence of fertilising materials are reflected in a decreasing productivity of the land, a condition accentuated by the recent unfavourable weather. Transport is difficult because of lack of horses, lack of petrol and lubricating oil, lack of new machinery to replace worn-out engines. The output of mines is more and more earmarked for the munition factories, and "in the winter the German people must starve and shiver alike."

A sense of the moral isolation of Germany is dawning in the minds of the more Liberal, elements, and this revelation is hastened by the attitude of Austria-Hungary, whose even worse plight makes an early peace imperative. Germany is wearying of herself and of her allies.

In addition, Germany finds herself faced by the Anglo-French Army whose pressure threatens the whole German position in Northern Flanders, with ample reserves in the shape of the armed man-power of America. "Whatever the results of the Allies' autumn offensive, the enemy cannot escape from a grip which, even if at times it relaxes, is slowly but surely squeezing him dry."

To give Germany her due, she has never been slow to grasp realities. Her peace campaign proves her anxiety to forestall military collapse. If that campaign fails, as it must, a new and final season of frightfulness will be entered upon, in which the U-boat and the aeroplane will jointly play a greatly enlarged part. There may even be a desperate attempt at landing in this country. It would be a mistake to suppose that the enemy will do this. An invasion by raid must always be regarded as extremely probable. "The moral of the civilian population of this country will be tested as it has never been tested before."

Before the end comes there is likely to be the most terrible fighting. The frontal attack brings slow progress against the ever-modifying character of the enemy's defensive tactics, but given definite superiority in the air and elasticity of attacking methods, governed by the policy of limited objectives and a decision cannot be denied us. "The decision nevertheless, we repeat, may not come through a strategic break up, but from the automatic operation of relentless pressure."

The only thing that could rob the Allies of a victory in sympathy with popular aims would be faint-heartedness at the eleventh hour.

## THE SHORTAGE IN SUGAR.

## Explanations For The U.S. Scarcity.

With what many people considered very inadequate warning or explanation, New York city was this week plunged into a very acute "sugar famine," says the *New York Evening Post* of October 27. Some of the restaurants where Wall Street's clerical force takes luncheon removed sugar from their tables, and doled it out sparingly at the coffee-urns; others displayed signs urging economy. Housewives had difficulty in filling their current needs, and a conference of sugar refiners and grocers adopted an elaborate plan to control prices and distribution.

What was the cause for this pinch in sugar supplies? "War-time conditions" was the vague answer returned on many sides, which seemed to get nowhere. In the seven months ending July, 1917 (no later data are available from the Department of Commerce) our exports of refined sugar were 615,000,000 pounds, actually 480,000,000 pounds less than in the corresponding months of 1916, though twice as large as in the seven months' period of 1915. The great exports of 1916, however, were made possible in large part by the increase of about 800,000,000 pounds in the Cuban crop, which began to come in the market at the beginning of the year.

Our imports of "raws," on the other hand, in the first seven months of this year declined about 270,000,000 pounds. The best statistics available in the sugar trade indicate that Cuba's shipments to the Eastern ports of the United States, from the crop which began to move last January, had up to September 30, fallen short by 268,000,000 pounds of the amount similarly exported last year; while within the same period Cuban exports to Europe increased 400,000,000 pounds. The trade estimated this week that there were but 25,000 tons of Cuba's "old crop" left in store on the island.

Here were various indications of an actual shortage. No one of them, by itself, would account for the present situation, but taken together, they threw no little light on the scarcity of supplies. Moreover, in this "between-seasons" period, the situation was aggravated by the fact that little relief can be expected from Cuba until the first of the year; while the best sugar of the West (no part of which usually is shipped further east than Pittsburgh) is only now in process of manufacture.

Behind the so-called "statistical position," however, were factors which had to do with the Food Administration's policy in the matter of price, and the determination of Cuban producers of raw sugar to hold out for higher prices (a thing they have been enabled to do by the unusual prosperity of the preceding two years). Mr. Hoover's Board has recently requested American sugar refiners to abstain entirely from buying raw sugar, and the understanding in the trade was that the Food Administration would see to the purchasing for our own needs and those of France and England.

Earlier, the refiners had been forbidden to buy raw sugar at a higher price than 6.90 cents a pound, "duty paid," a figure which Cuban producers apparently did not find attractive. Should they develop a contest between our centralized purchasing Board and the Cuban sugar planters, the test of strength may have an important bearing on prices during the coming months.

and unwillingness to demand, sometimes, sacrifices from the civilian population. "We have won," as General Smuts tells us. But we must patiently and valiantly await the settlement, approaching it with an invigorated and intelligent effort worthy to bring to harvest all the many months' sowing of lives and wealth.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY FAIR.

## Big Attraction at Kowloon.

The arrangements in connection with holding the Fair on the Kowloon Cricket Ground on January 1, 1918, are going ahead with great rapidity, and, provided the weather is fine, it should prove a big day for Kowloon. It is to be hoped that there will be a good number of Hongkong residents present, including many prominent Chinese, whose support has been specially solicited in order to make the day a complete success.

The exhilarating fun to be obtained from a Fair with plenty of good novelties is well known to Hongkong, and Kowloon will not be behind in this respect. There will be the famous "Joy Wheel," "Shooting the Shute," "Aerial Flight," "Swing Boats," "Cocoon Shy," "The Magic Ball," "Ride Range," "Love in a Tub," "Aunt Sally," "Caravan Wheel of Fortune," "Clock Golf," "Kicking the Football" and last but not least, the famous Sam Leases (who has been specially sent out from Home for the occasion!) with his Fish and Chip Saloon, which we are informed will be the last word in piscatorial cuisine. To gain admission to the ground the public must be in possession of the official badge, composed of ribbon of the Allies' Colours—these can be obtained during the day, or at the entrance to the ground.

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Thursday, 20th. December, 4.30 p.m. First Aid Class.  
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## THE MISSES WOODS.

It is a pleasure to announce that the management of the Victoria Theatre have secured the services of those talented artistes the Misses Allen and Doris Woods, with Mrs. Harry Woods, who have been delighting the people of Hongkong at the Odeon, which naturally confines the audience to members only—but everyone has been loud in praise of their unique entertainment, which will be given at the Victoria Theatre in connection with the pictures on Wednesday and Thursday nights next week, December 20 and 21. The Misses Woods will appear twice on the programme—at about 9.30 and 10.45—and will give many new songs and old favourites including "Oarry On" (which they have made so popular here), "There's Only One England," "Down Hauls Way," "Blighy," "Everybody Two Step," "Are You from Dixie?" &c. A change of programme will be given on Tuesday. Particulars are advertised elsewhere.

## GERMANY'S WAR FINANCE.

## Questions as to Methods and Consequences.

The announcement that the seventh German war loan, subscriptions for which closed on October 18, had brought in a total of 12,436,000,000 marks, raised some familiar questions, says a *New York paper*. A total war debt of 72,416,360,000 marks, has now been created in the seven war loans. On this amount, which excludes Treasury bills outstanding or discounted at the Reichsbank, the annual interest charge is, roughly, \$900,000,000 (gold). Early in 1916, when Germany was still refusing to impose any heavy war taxation on its people (being still obsessed with the idea of making France and England pay the German war expenses through a stupendous indemnity), it was estimated that about one-sixth of the proceeds of its war loans had to be used to meet interest on the existing war debt.

In another year or two, one-fourth would have to be thus used. Last April, the German Government began to put on additional taxes. Those on coal, transportation, and war profits were estimated to bring in \$312,000,000. In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1914, the Empire's revenues from all sources except loans were \$351,000,000, including \$220,000,000 from post and telegraph and \$41,000,000 from railroads. In neither of the two succeeding years did total ordinary revenues, according to the budget estimates, rise above \$330,000,000.

In the budget for the year ended last March, the "special war taxes" brought the ordinary revenue up to \$915,000,000; but, as this included \$260,000,000 of gross revenues from railways, post and telegraph, and printing office, against which there were maintenance charges totalling \$215,000,000, it left barely \$700,000,000 net. But with interest payments now \$900,000,000, this means that even the increased Imperial revenue falls short by about \$200,000,000 annually of meeting interest on the war debt; and meantime Treasury bills and new war loans follow one another on the market. Furthermore, the annual interest on that debt now exceeds by nearly \$50,000,000 the entire Imperial revenue of the year before the war.

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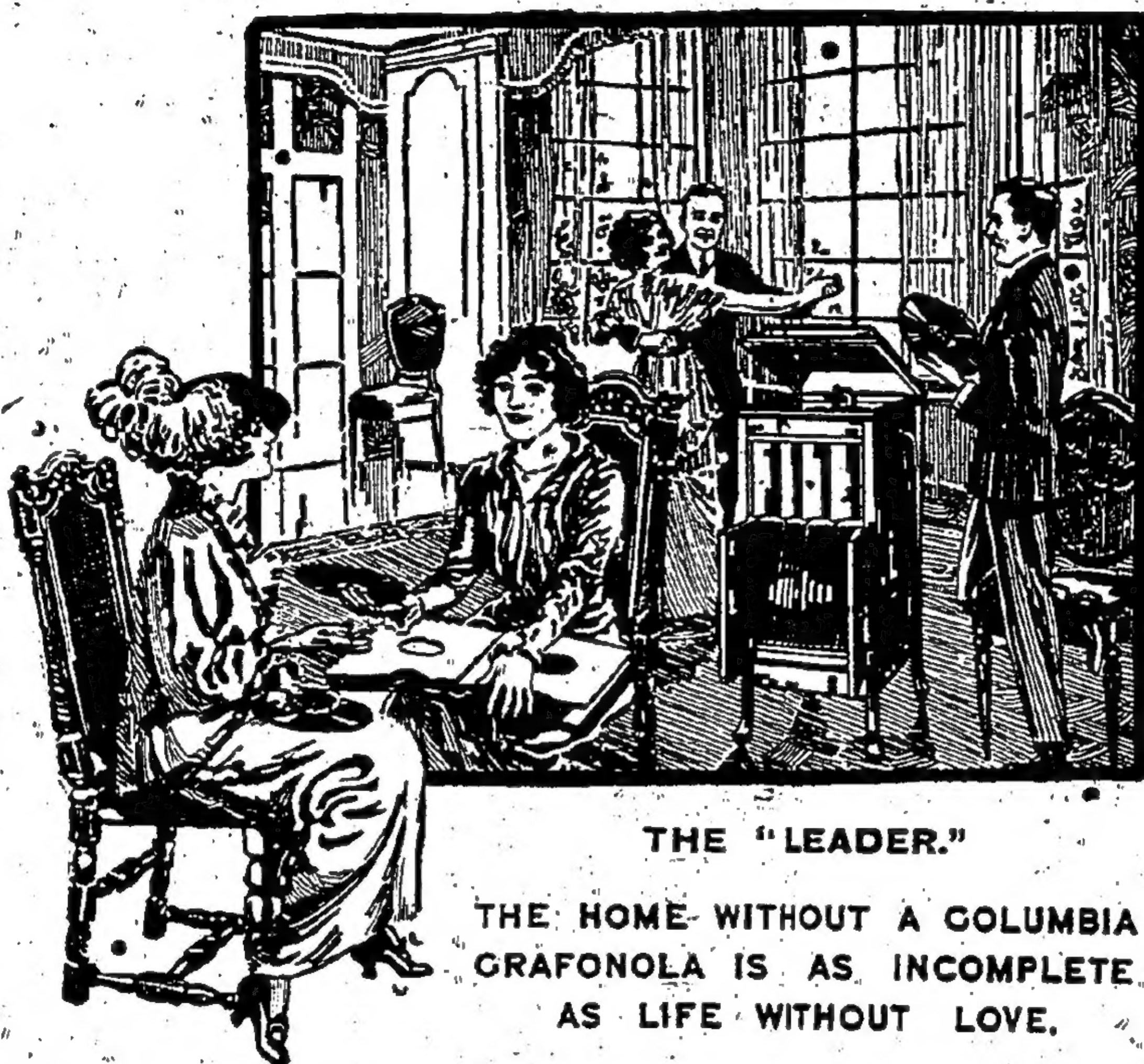
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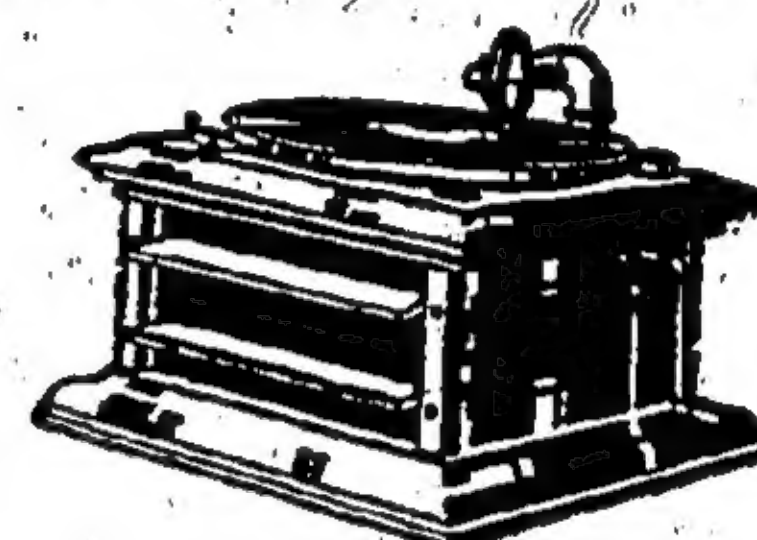
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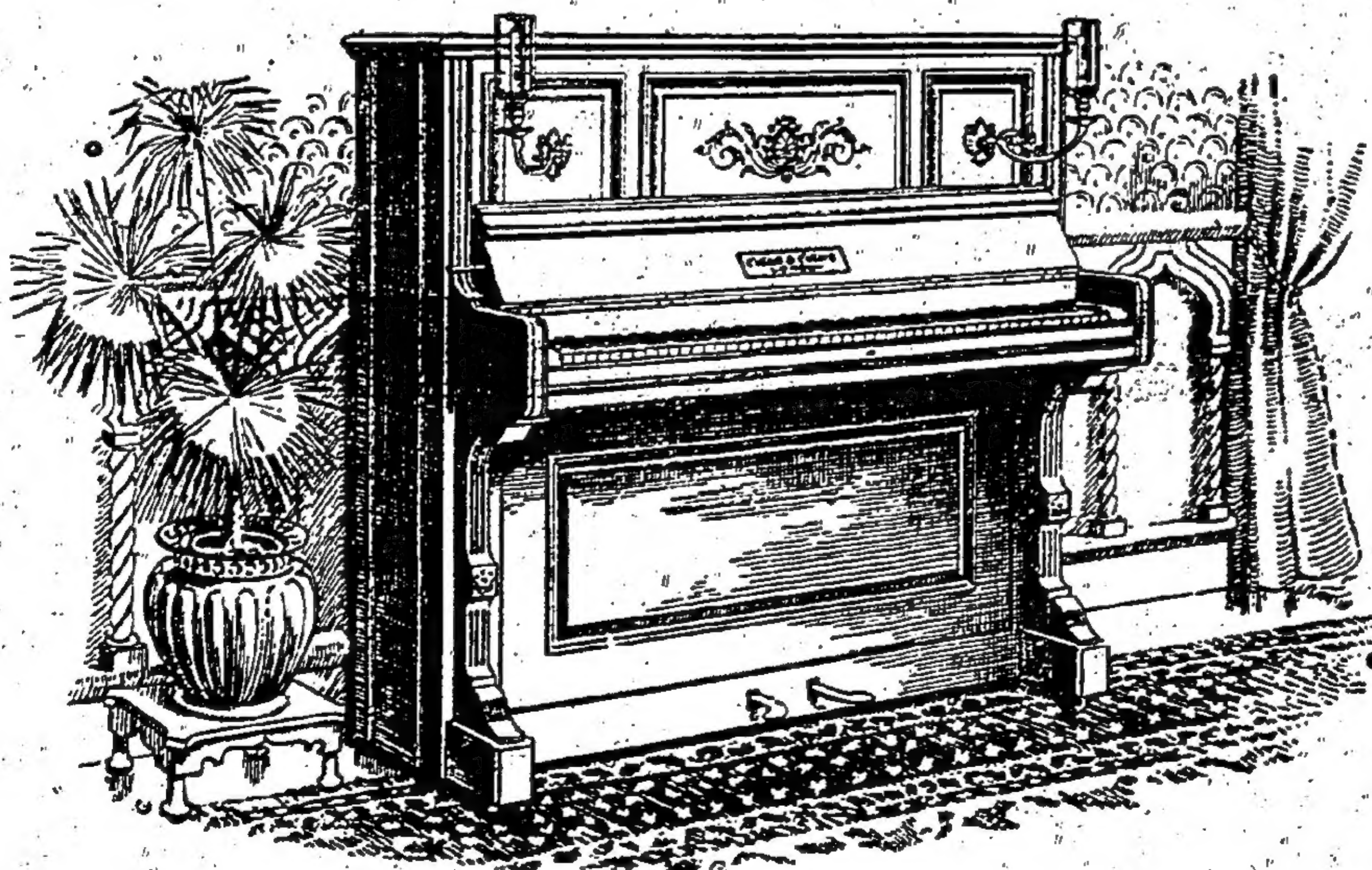
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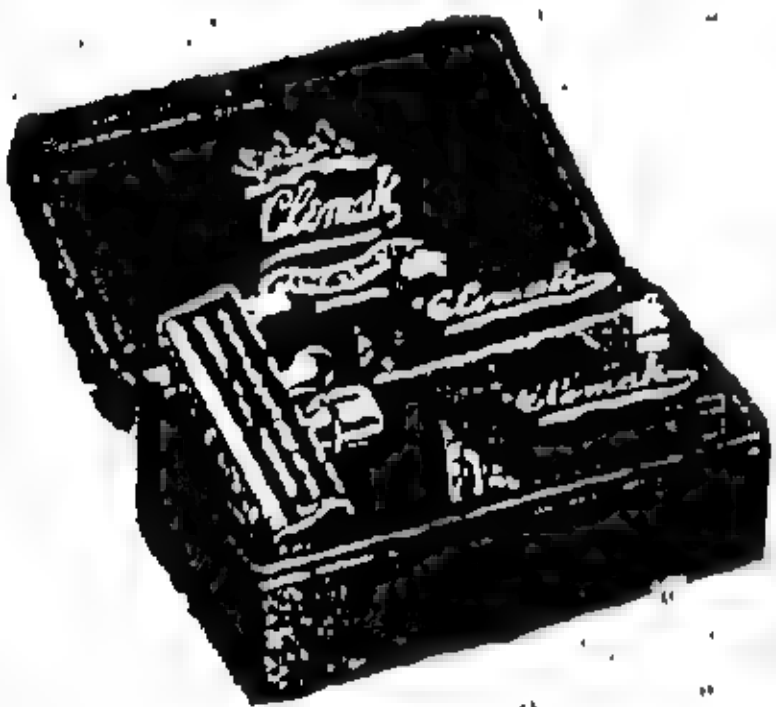
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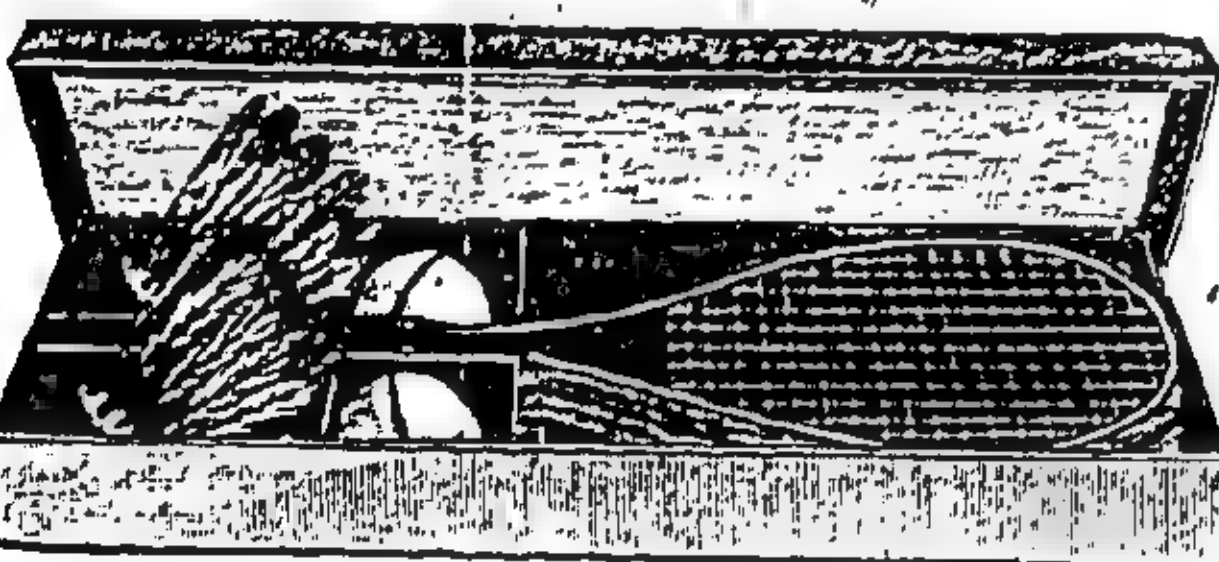
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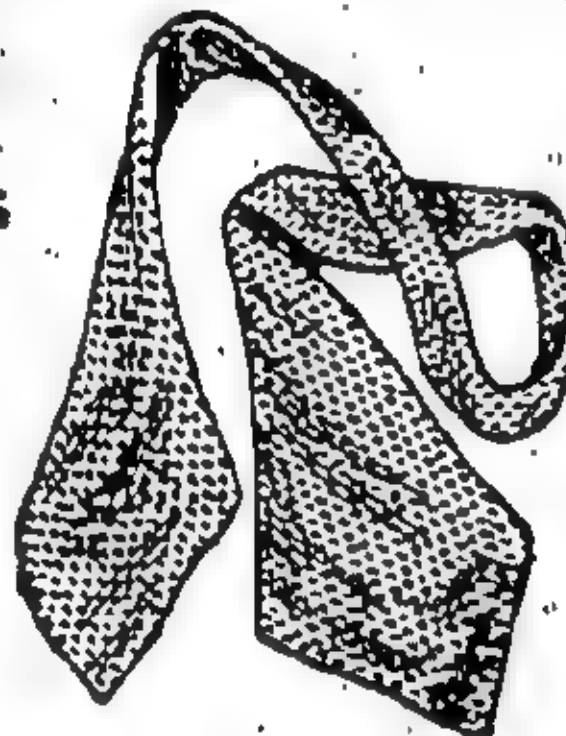
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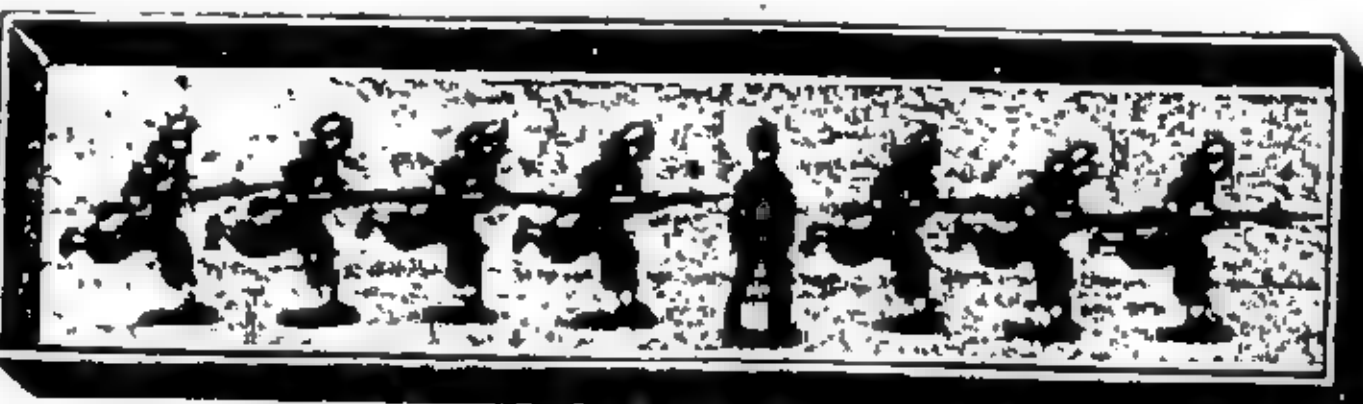
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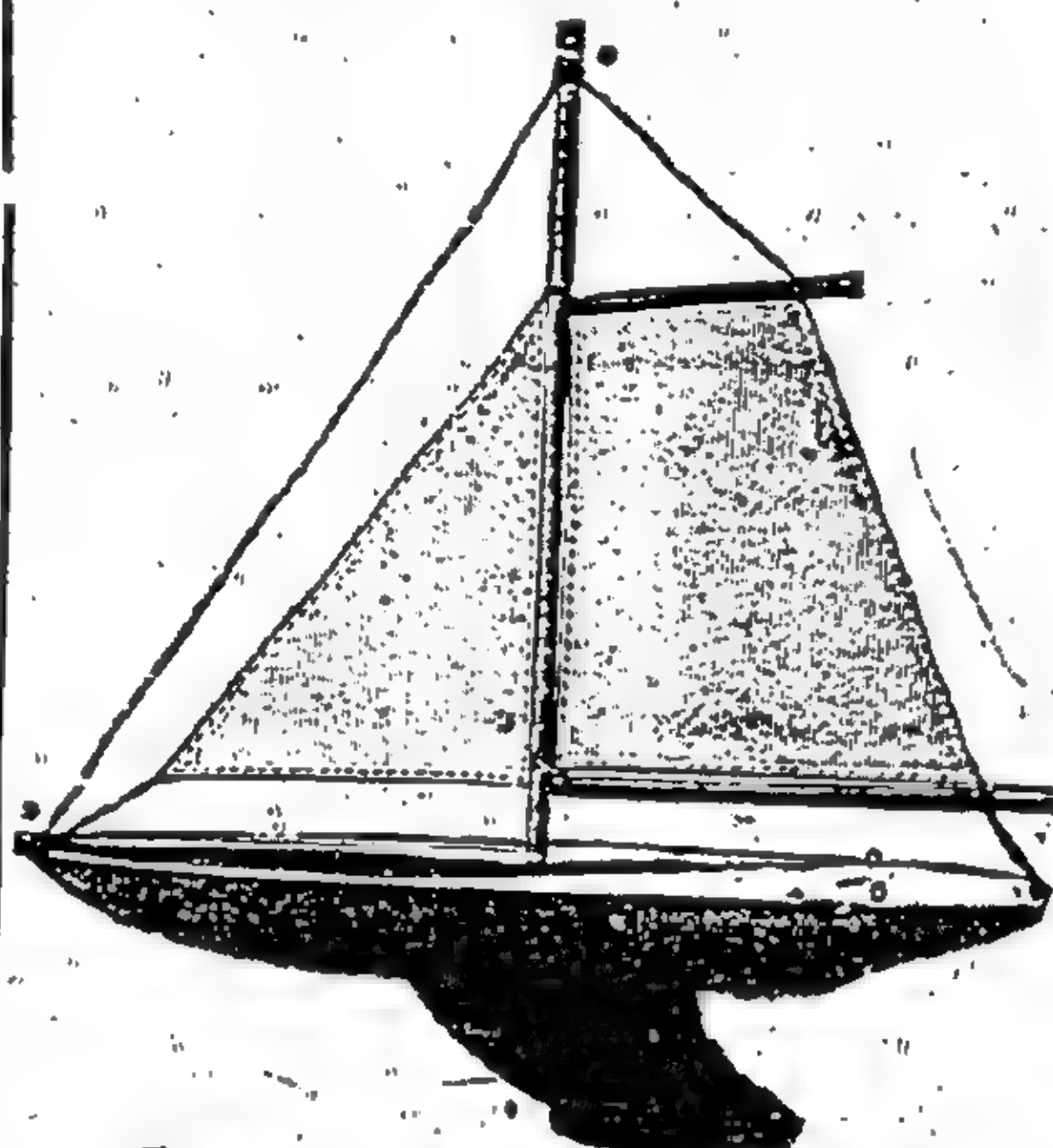
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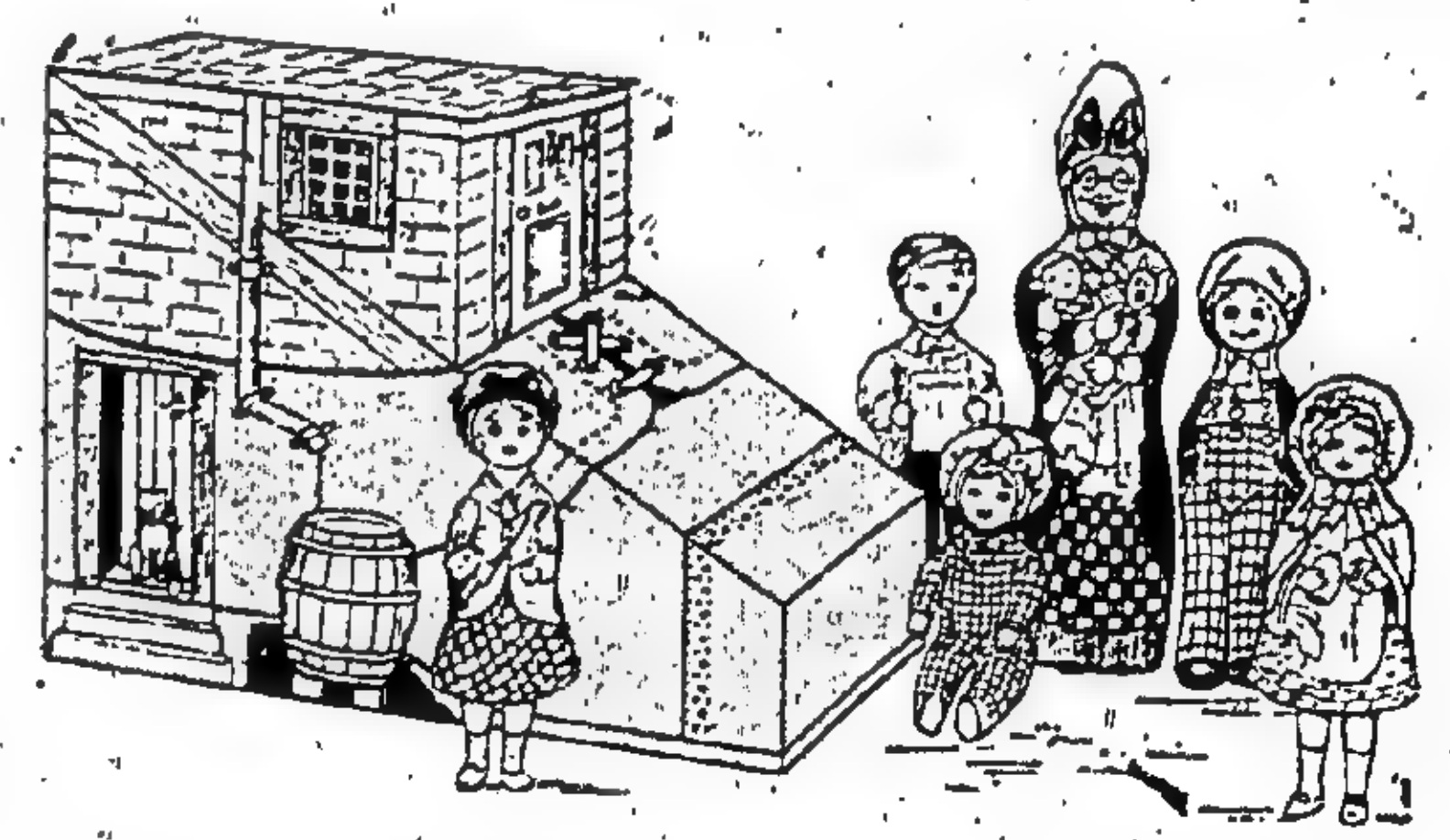
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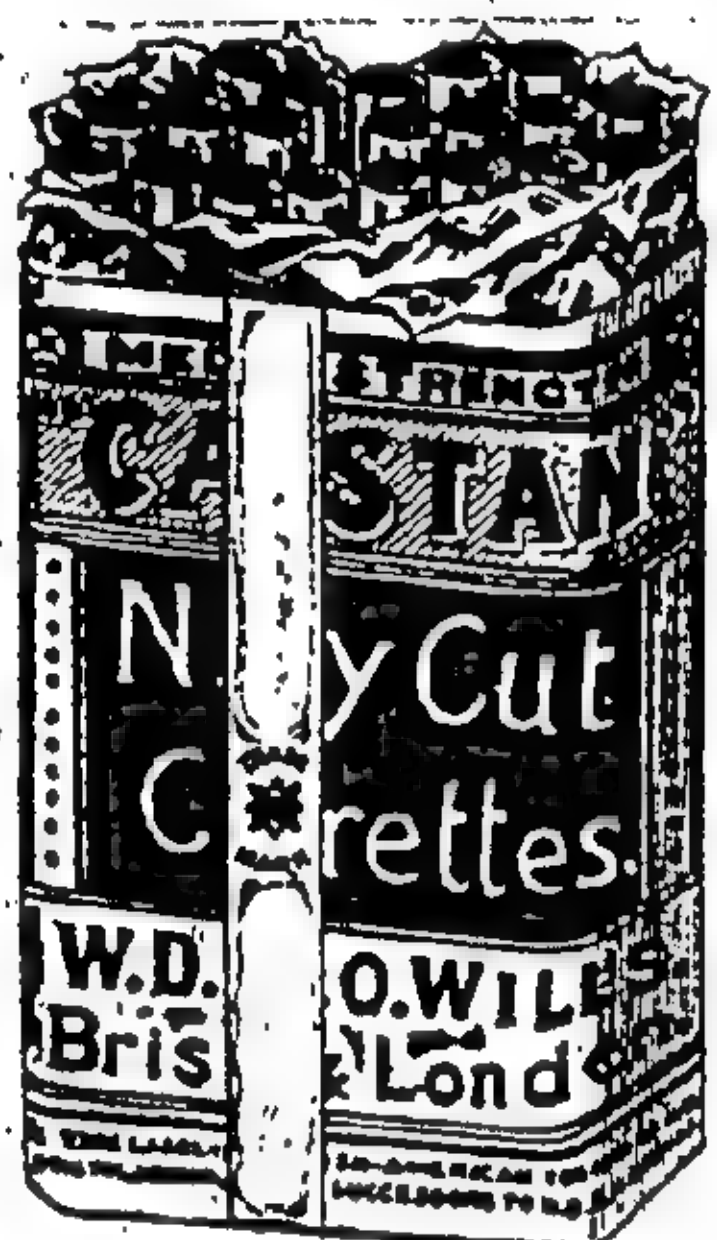
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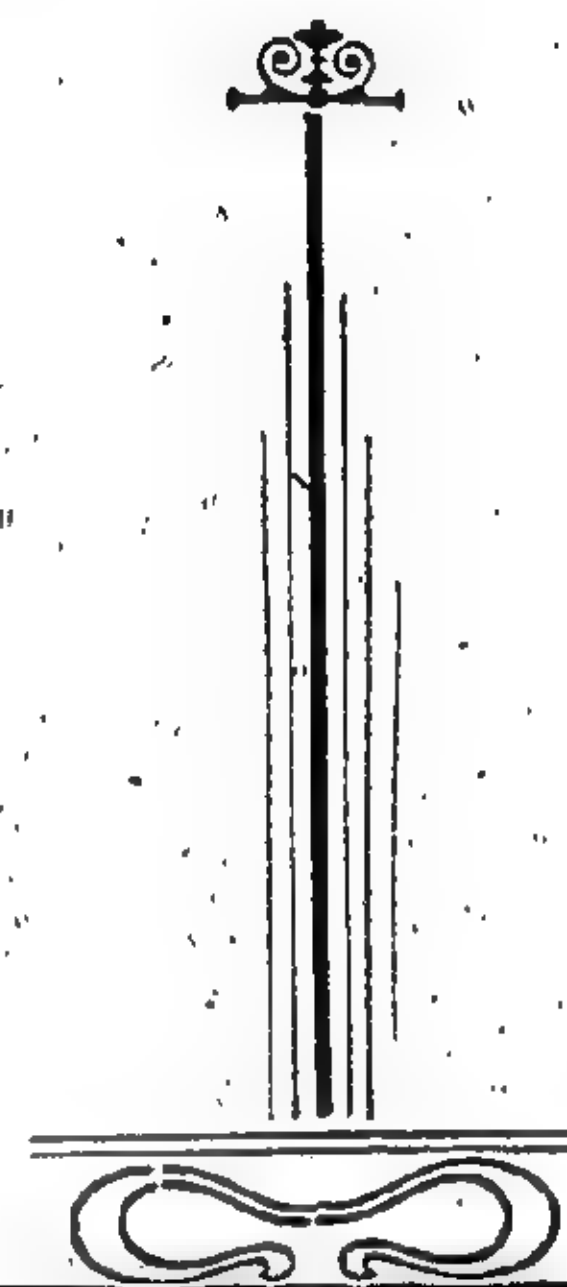


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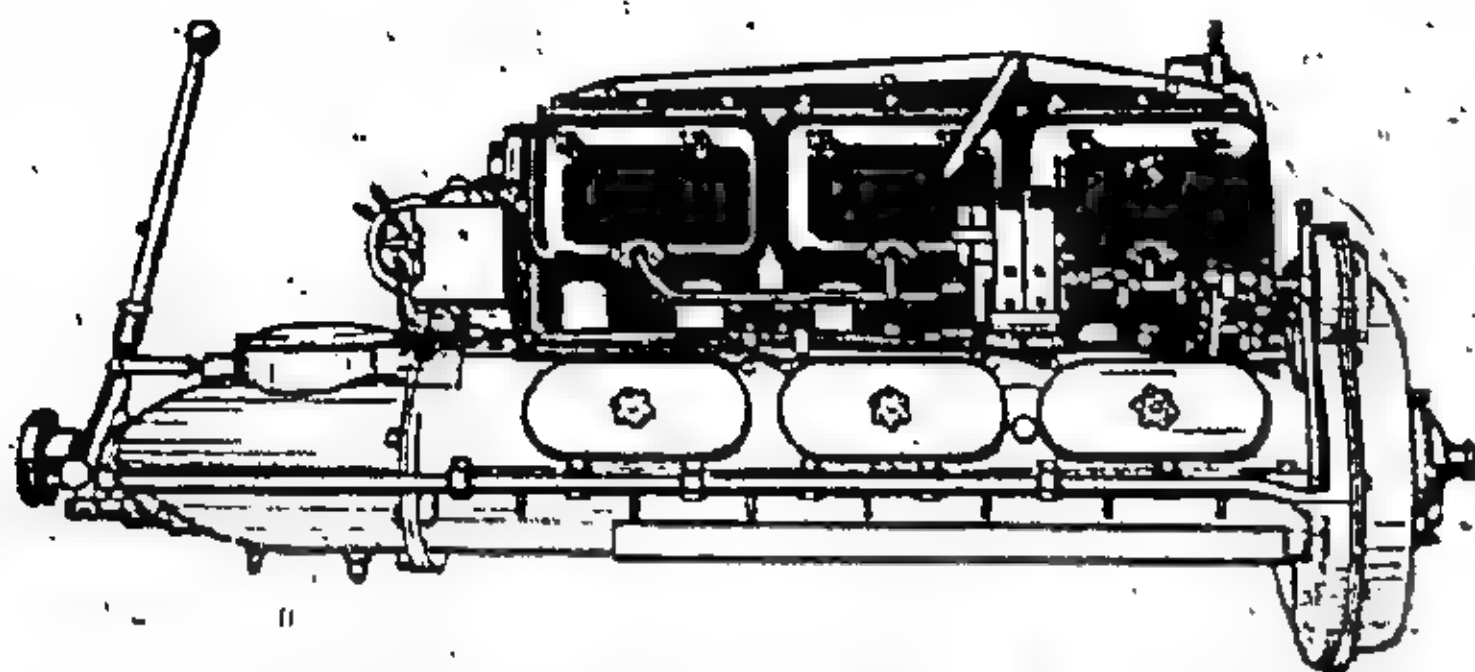
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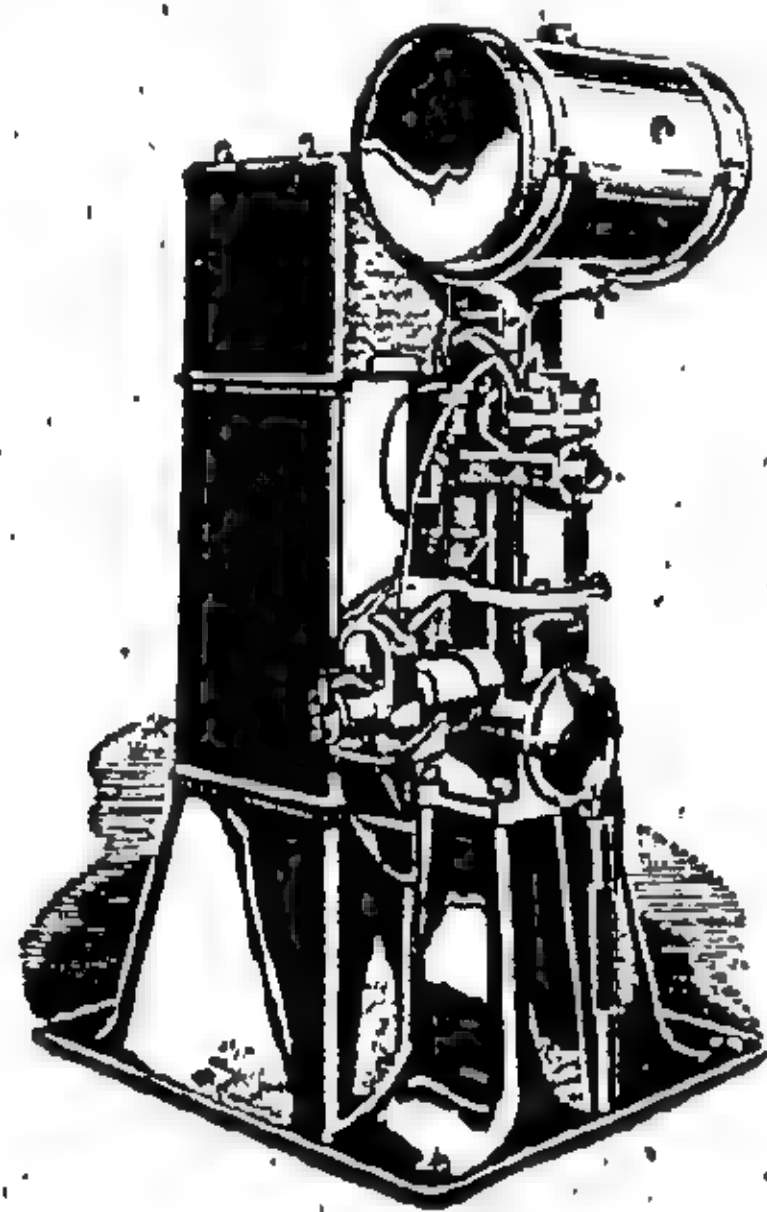
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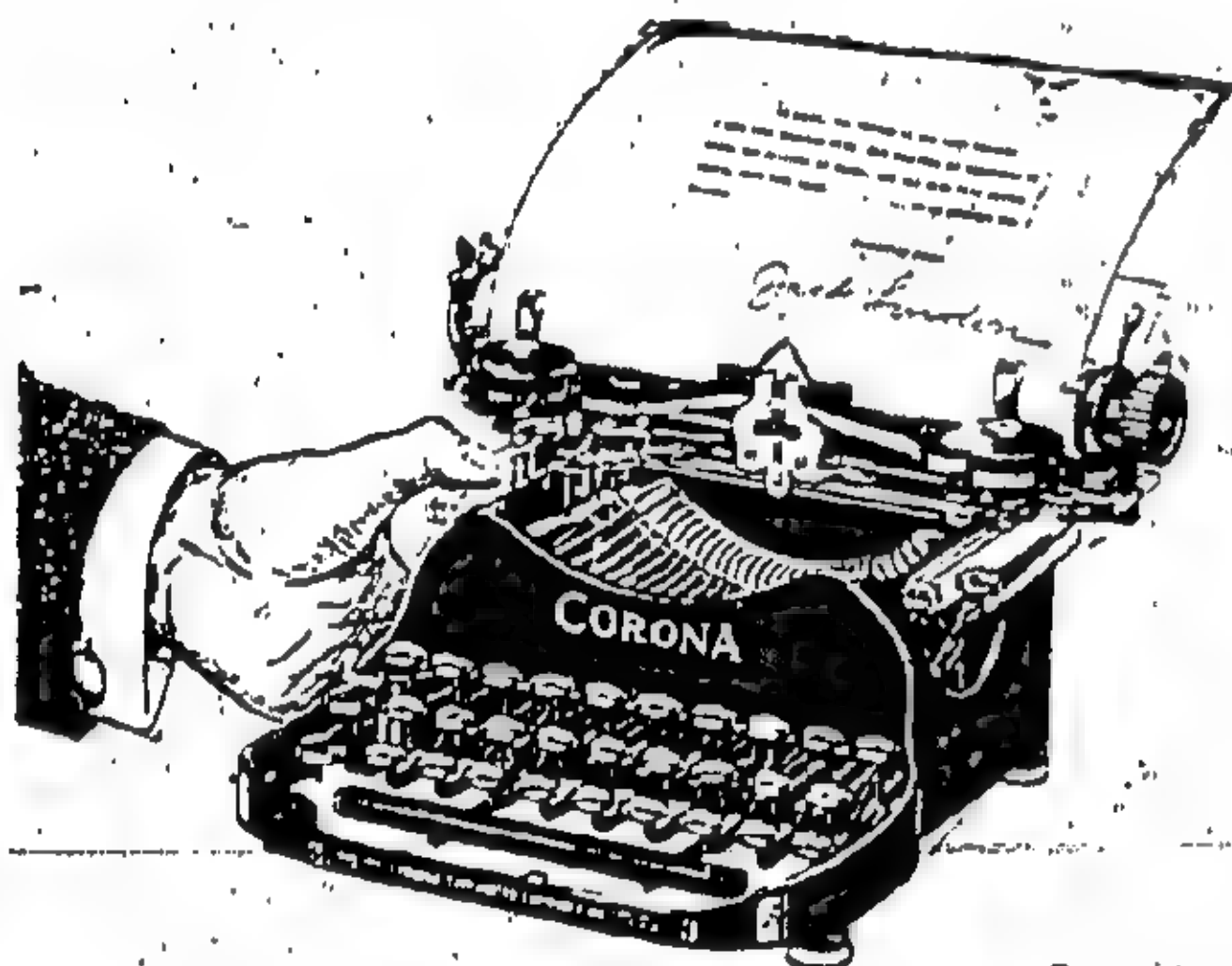
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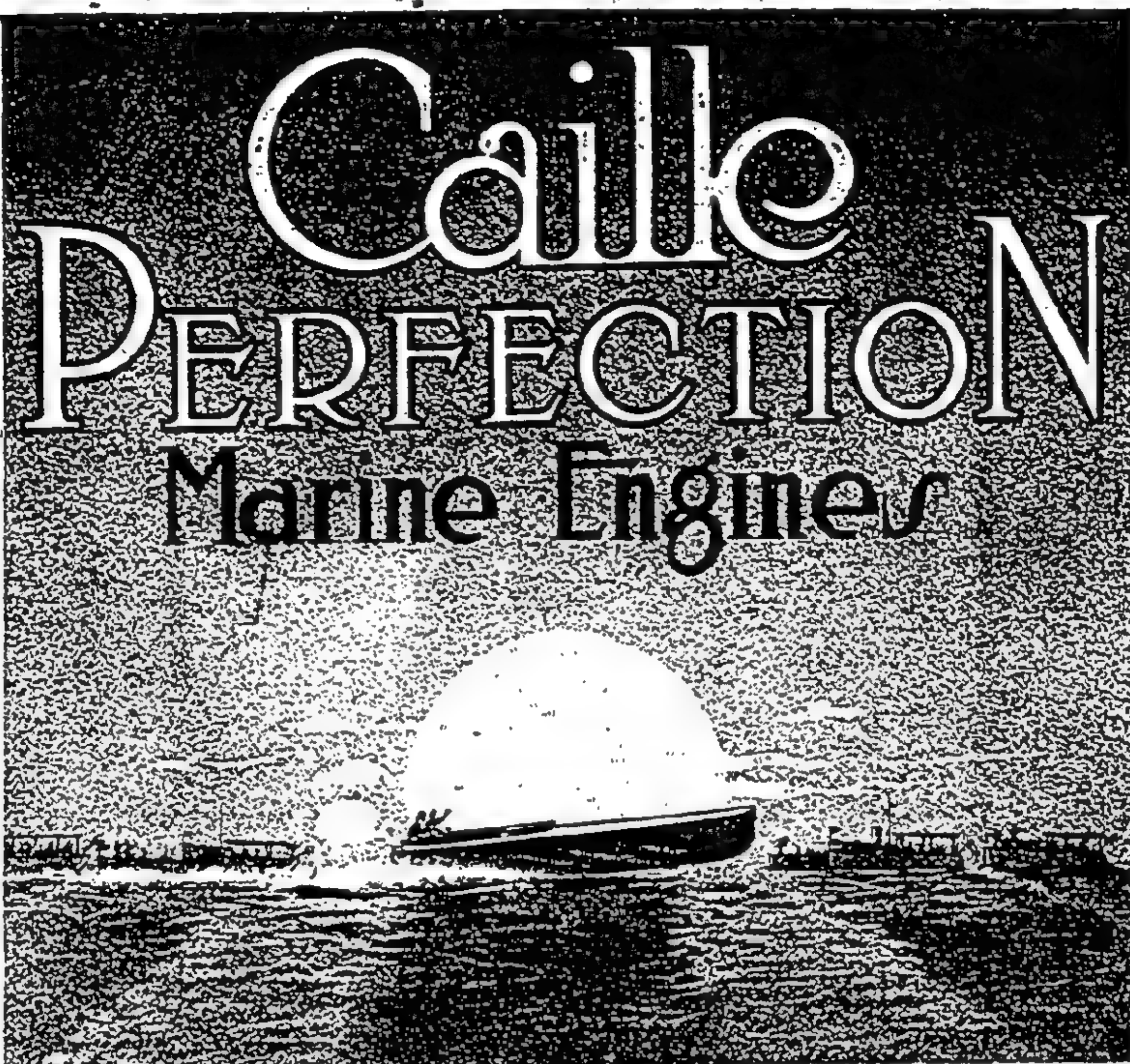
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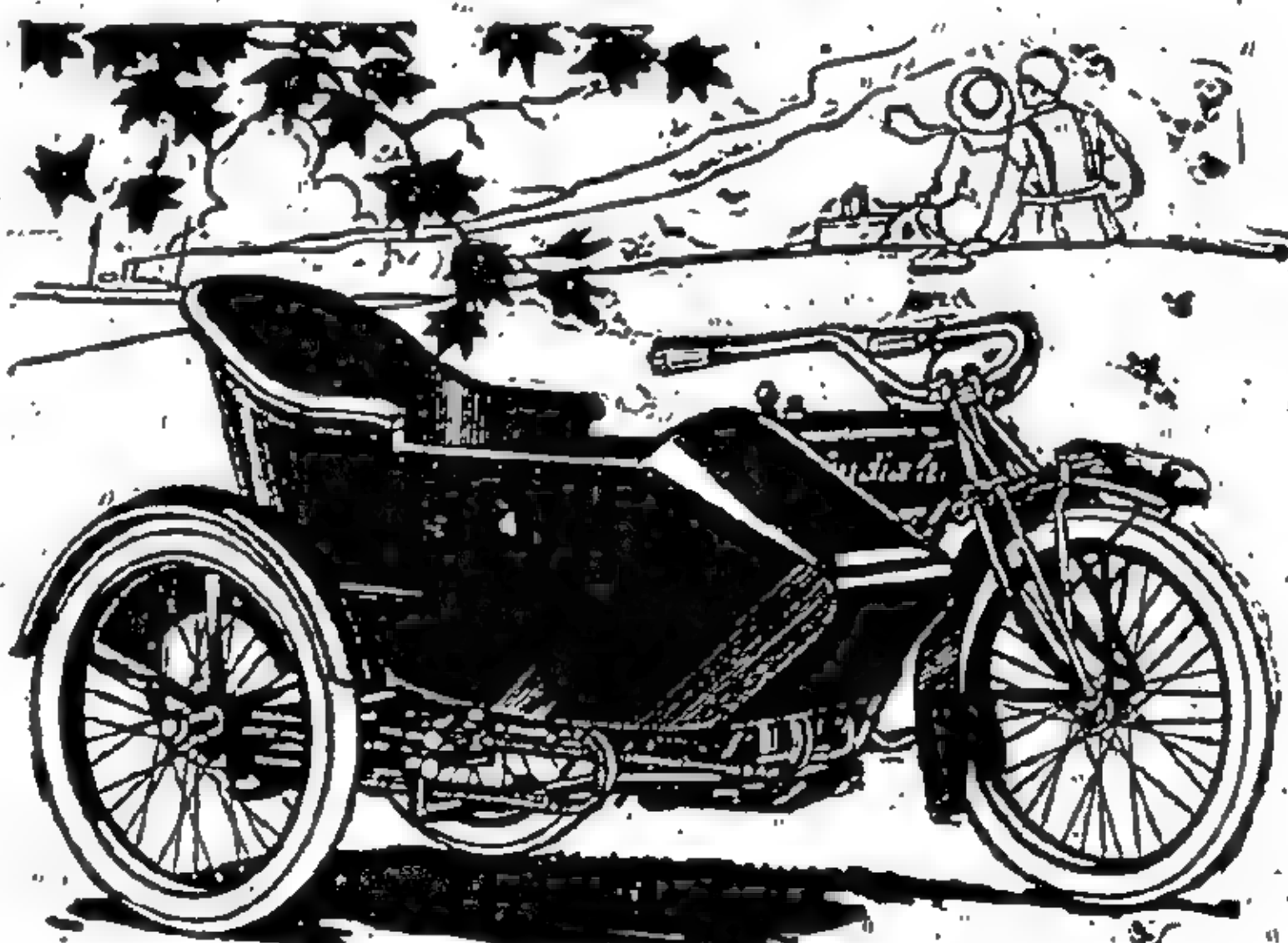
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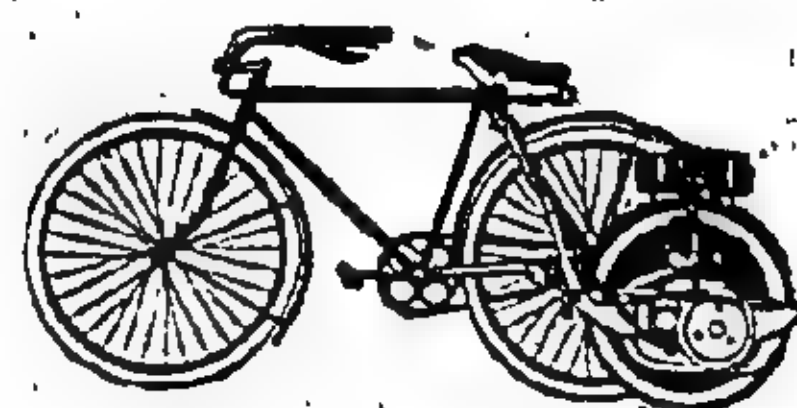
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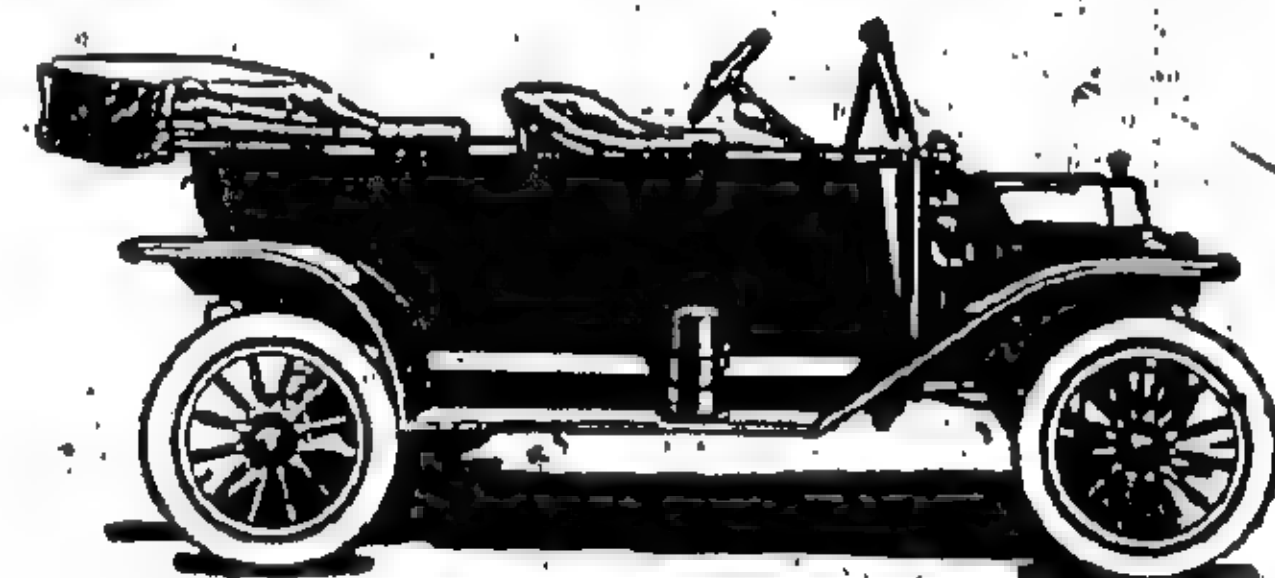
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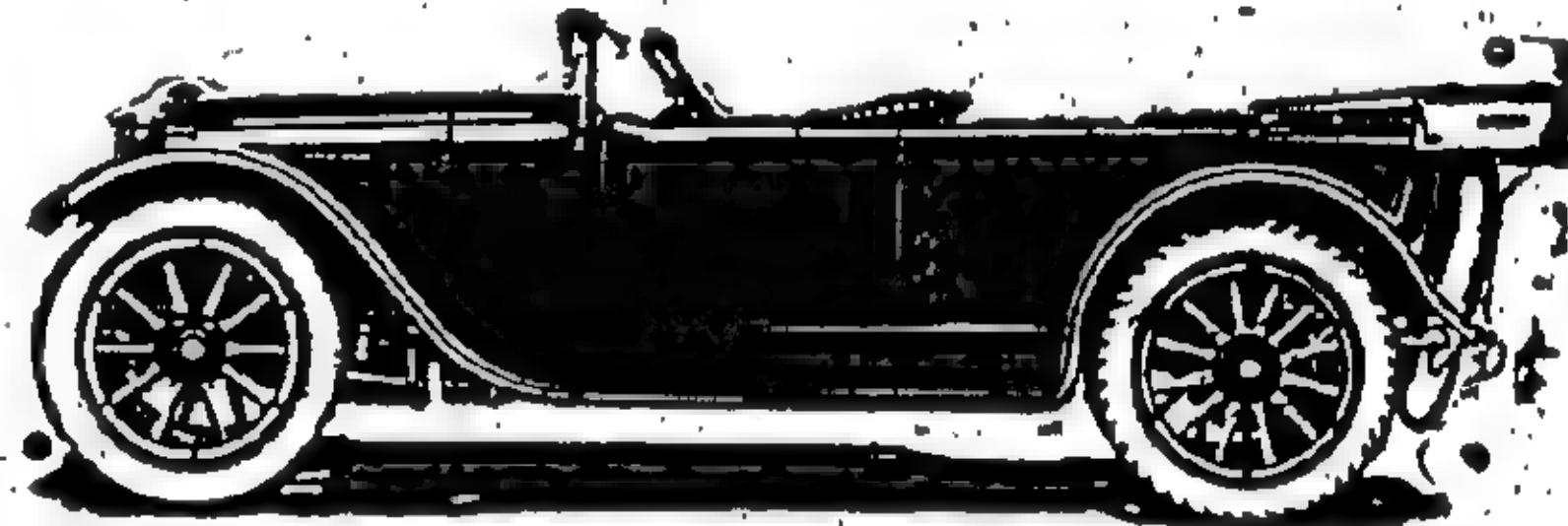
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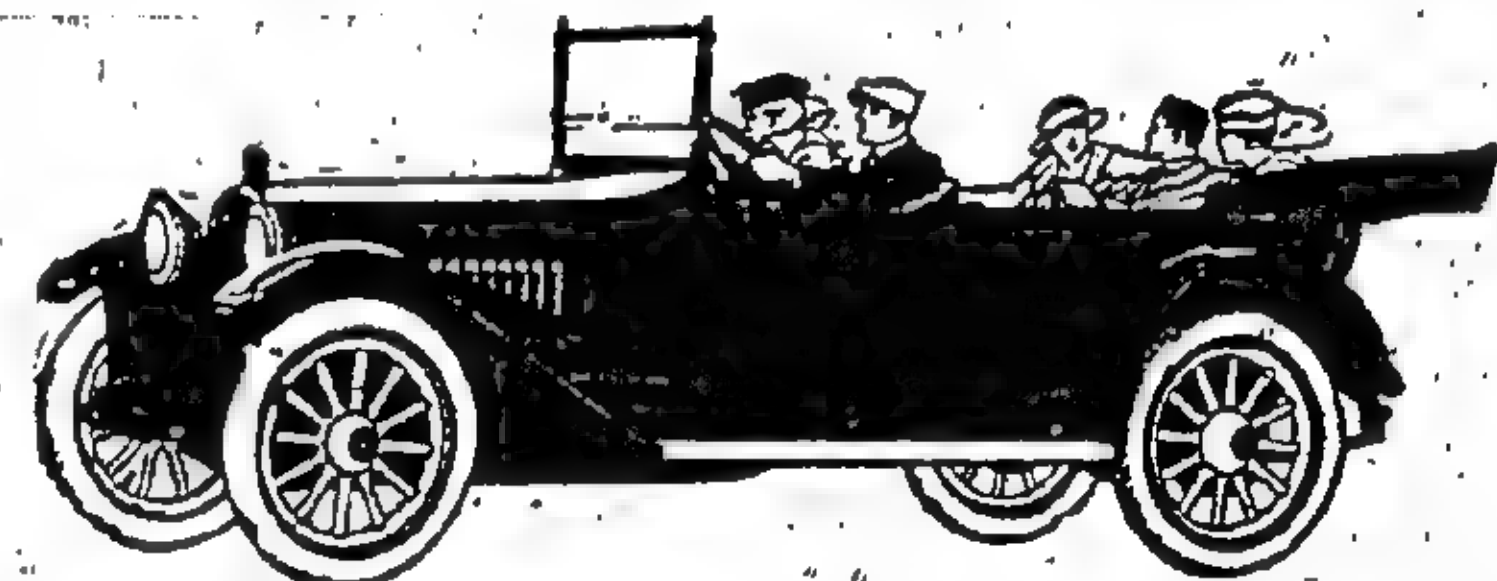
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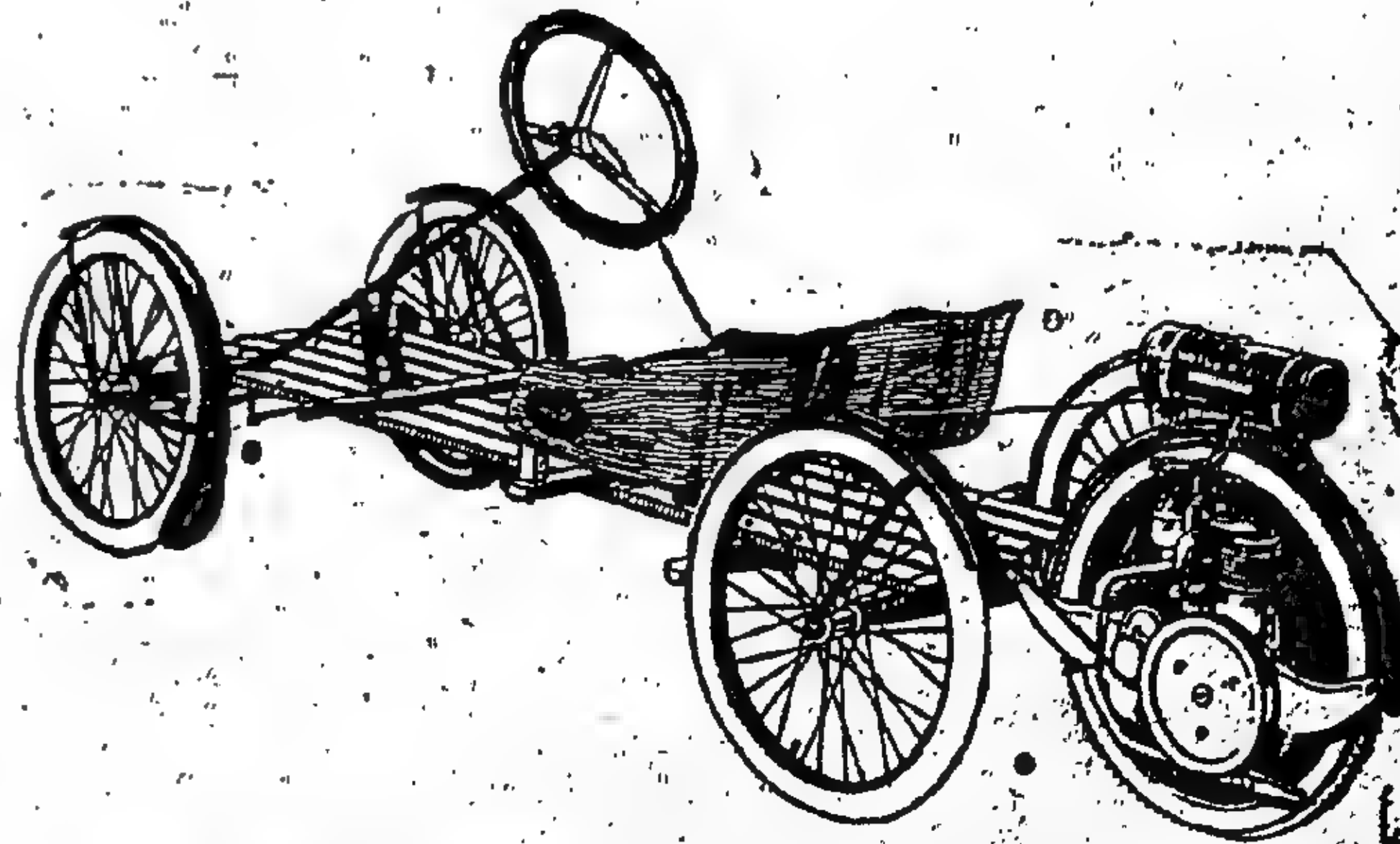


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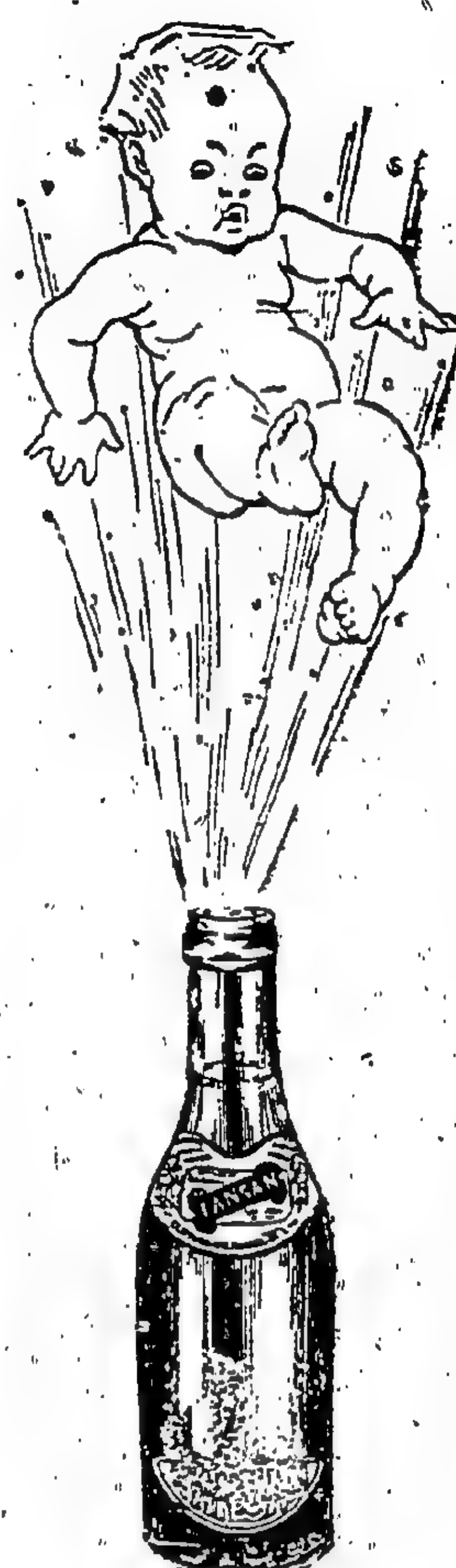
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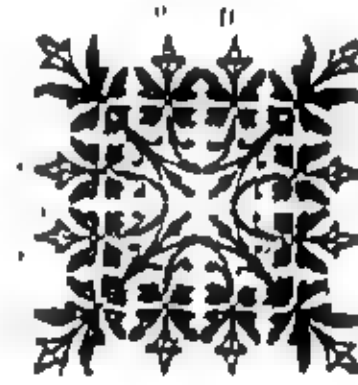
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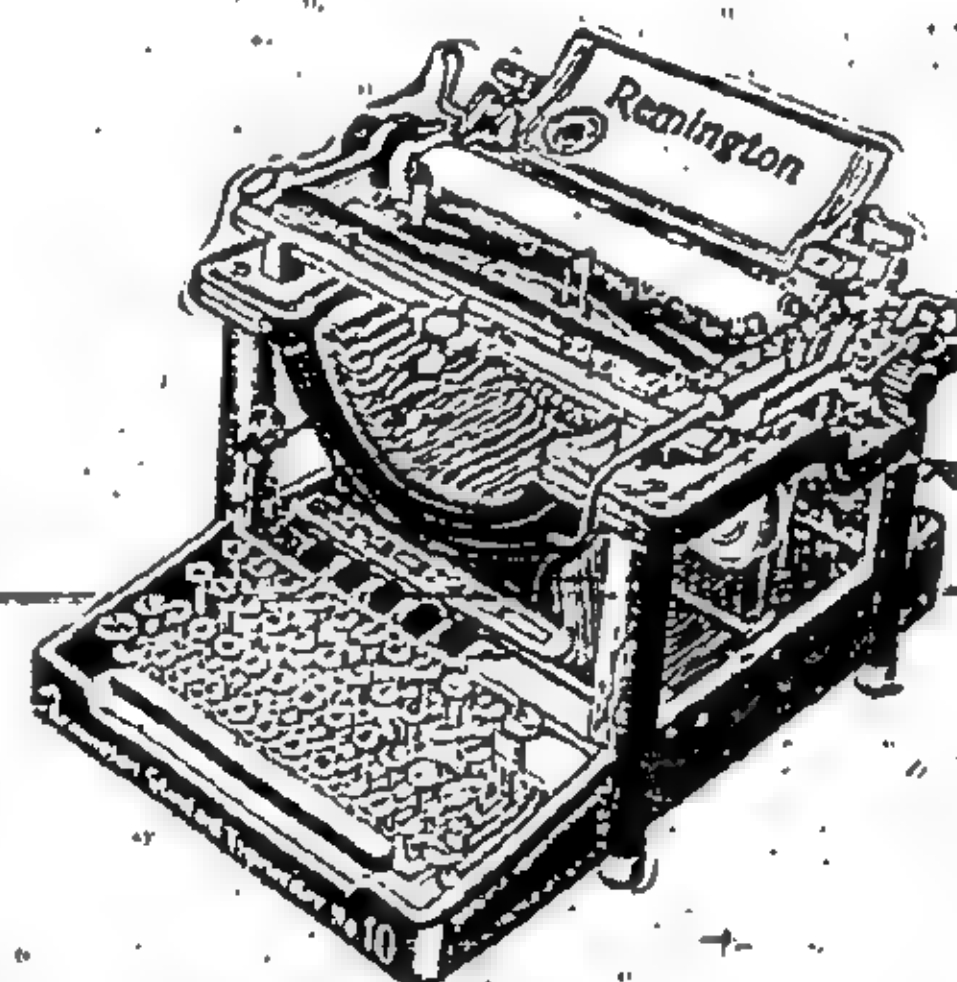
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# THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

## A. S. WATSON AND CO.

The large and well-known store of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., has for years past been the premier shop of its kind in Hongkong, and at this time of the year, when most people are thinking of marking the forthcoming festival either by giving presents or adding to their own personal belongings, one's thoughts inevitably turn to this warehouse of dainty and useful articles. All that could be done has been done to cope with war conditions with the result that there is again a large selection of high quality products well worthy of consideration by all who go shopping for Christmas.

### Suitable Presents.

In the matter of fancy toilet goods, there is an almost endless profusion, and among the more recent supplies are French perfumes in great assortment. Such well-known makes as Houbigant, Gravier, River, and Roger and Gallet are to be found in artistic bottles and decorative boxes, whilst dressing table requisites there is a sufficiently wide selection to please all tastes. For Home folks or old China hands, there could scarcely be a better or more acceptable gift than the illustrated glimpses of China, entitled "Land and Water," this little book teeming with pictures of interest and letter-press of a high order.

### For Smokers.

For the smoker, a stock of cigars and cigarettes of all brands and qualities is to be found, and one that will be hard to beat anywhere in Hongkong. The difficulties of keeping tobacco goods in prime condition are obvious when the climatic conditions of the place are thought of, but this firm has set itself out to defeat the spoilage ordinarily wrought by the elements here, by the construction of specially-designed storing rooms, wherein the various forms of the fragrant weed are tended to with a care that speaks volumes for the state in which they will reach the customer's hands. Of cigars there is a stock demanding inspection by all connoisseurs, and the best and most well-known makes are to be found, as well as a varied assortment to please those not so cultured in the merits of a "smoke". Requisites for smokers are to be found in plenty, and the man who is looking forward to a relaxation from business, with the additional enjoyment of a pleasurable "whiff", should do a duty to himself and see what Messrs. Watson's have to offer him.

### Wines and Spirits.

The name of "Watson" is intimately bound up with "the cup that cheers," and of the wines and spirits there is a stock in hand that guarantees that no man need make it a problem of what he will drink for Christmas. In addition to their own brands of whiskies and brandies, the firm are agents for makes known the wide world over, and this year, as in past years, assorted cases for Christmas are being put up at prices that appeal. There are three classes of cases, priced respectively at \$22, \$28 and \$32, and one has only to glance at the list of their contents to realise that such a case would be an investment profitable and pleasurable. In addition to this, special cases can be put up to order, and, when the convenience of such a method of ordering is realised, there will doubtless be a large demand. In order to ensure timely delivery, orders should be placed as soon as possible, for with a depleted staff the firm will no doubt be taxed to cope with the extra business of the season.

## WM. POWELL, LTD.

Because of their long years of experience in catering for the Christmas trade, Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., have a distinct claim on the public patronage during the festive season. In spite of the abnormal conditions prevailing on account of the war, judicious buying has placed them in a position to be able to satisfy the demands for toys and all manner of Christmas presents, and a glance at their windows is sufficient to show that they have this year a display which will compare more than favourably with previous Yuletide seasons.

### For the Children.

This is the time of year when we think particularly of the children. War or no war, they naturally expect to receive the substantial gifts which make them count the passing years by the number of Christmases that come their way. Messrs. Powell have a truly amazing variety of toys, games, etc., of the most modern type. They are especially fortunate in having obtained a big supply of well-filled Christmas stockings, while another special feature is to be found in the big stock of pretty tinsel decorations for use on Christmas trees. All the toys on show have been specially imported from England, and, of course, many of them reflect the war spirit which prevails at home. There are whole battalions of tin and lead soldiers and a big assortment of new war games. Other suitable gifts for boys are the splendid mechanical toys, of which the firm has a fine stock, these being headed by some beautifully-made sets of Meccano. For the very young children there are all kinds of far toys, while the special show of dolls and dolls' prams will be sure to give great delight to the girls. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that Messrs. Powell have secured this year a very big assortment of Christmas crackers.

### The Ladies' Department.

More than ever this year, Messrs. Powell are catering for the ladies, and in the department set apart for the special needs of the gentler sex some especially attractive goods are to be seen. There is a charming variety of evening gowns and cloaks, while special attention should also be drawn to the fine quality of sets being offered. Silk and lace blouses, fancy neckwear and handkerchiefs, handkerchief sets, work bags, etc., are on show in great variety. Among the last named are some very pretty and useful bags both in silk and leather, all fitted with essential requirements. For the children, a special feature is being made of the display of woollen coats—white for the very little ones and coloured, with caps to match, for those of older years. These can be had in all sizes. There are also some most attractive jersey suits and kilties.

### Other Things.

In the gentlemen's department, everything that modern fashion dictates can be secured, especially being made of smart neckwear, the latest in socks, fancy waist coats, etc. There are many other lines here which will be found to make most acceptable Christmas presents. This latter observation applies equally well to the furnishing department, where there is a very fine display of cut glass, English china and electro plate. These are all of the very best English quality, and are most serviceable in use. The same department is also making a special show of older-down quilts of dainty design. In short, no thing that is needed in the house-furnishing line is wanting in this well-known establishment, where quality and reasonable prices go hand-in-hand.

## DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

If residents of Hongkong were asked to name the most indispensable institution in the Colony, their unanimous answer would probably be the Dairy Farm. For many years now it has ministered to the physical needs of the population in a manner which is beyond all praise, and to day it occupies a place peculiarly its own as the source from which the very richest in the way of dairy produce and meats are provided. The establishment is a boon to the Colony, for by its activities those whose lot is cast in Hongkong are enabled to stock their larders with goods which to most communities in semi-tropical regions are only remembered as a happy dream of the Old Country. In this respect, the Dairy Farm Company, Ltd., is a unique organisation in the Far East, and the consistent manner in which it keeps abreast of the times makes its position secure.

### Christmas Fare.

In the Christmas season especially, the Dairy Farm fulfils a most necessary function, for this, above all times of the year, is one of general feasting. Once again, therefore, the Company is able to offer the public the best of poultry—turkeys, capons, chickens, etc., all of which have been specially fed and fattened at its model establishment at Pokfulam. But more than poultry is needed with which to fill the Christmas table, and here also the Dairy Farm comes to the aid of the housewife with hams of the choicest brands, prime bacon, smoked tongues, corned tongues and corned meats of all descriptions, to say nothing of succulent pork sausages, brawn, etc. The Company's butchery business has grown to an enormous extent, so much so that the town premises have had to be extended by the addition of a large, modern building. This is being devoted solely to the bottling of milk and sterilising of utensils and thus sets free the whole of the old premises for the butchery department.

### New Enterprises.

We have made mention of the enterprise of the Company, and in this connection there are two matters which deserve bringing to the public notice. Following its policy of keeping in touch with all modern developments, it has recently arranged for the installation of new bottling machinery, which is shortly due from the United States. This will mean that all actual bottling of milk and the capping of the bottles will be done by motor power, thus altogether eliminating handling. Another matter to which the Company has recently been giving attention is the canning of meats. The experimental stage has now been passed, and soon it is hoped to place on the market all kinds of tinned meats, such as sausage, pressed beef, tongue, etc. This will be a great convenience to the purchasing public, as the supplies of these tinned goods from America and England are being greatly reduced on account of the war.

### Order Early.

But modern methods are not solely confined to the actual management of the business, for a visit to the Company's farms on the other side of the island will show that here also everything is done on the most approved lines. At all times, the Company is able to meet the demands made upon it at this season it specially lays itself out to cope with enhanced patronage. All the same, customers are advised to place their orders early in their own interests as well as for the convenience of a firm which makes the old-time Christmas possible.

## WING ON COMPANY.

If there is one thing more than another that the Wing On Company excels in it is in the big effort made for the many customers who visit its fine store at Yuletide. This year is no exception to the rule established long ago. If anything, this season the firm has surpassed itself in laying in stocks of useful, handsome and dainty articles in such wonderful variety that patrons' tastes are catered for in an admirable manner. The goods are of the very best, and the Company has spared no pains or expense to see that everything possible that can be required at Christmas at reasonable prices is placed before the purchasing public. From past experience, the firm has learned that there is a big demand at this season and has secured large quantities in every needed line which cannot fail to please.

### Some Improvements.

The Company has now additional advantages to offer, inasmuch as its premises have been enlarged. This was very necessary, as its fast-growing business demanded that steps should be taken to provide more facilities for customers. Now the firm has quite settled in the new premises, which have been divided up into departments in a capital manner. As extra space has been secured, the Company has been able to establish more departments, and it now carries an assortment of goods which will rank in quality and price with any other store in the town. It is safe to say that the Hongkong public will not leave the Wing On Company out of their round this year—they have been too well served in the past to do that.

### A Choice Selection.

One of the first things which should be mentioned is that the Company has, after much trouble, procured a large consignment of toys, which include the latest novelties. Novelty is, in fact, the aim of the Company and this, coupled with very low prices, means that the demands of everyone can be dealt with. The Wing On Company has always been noted for the choice selection of candies it gets from England and America, and this year it is as well to the fore as ever in this respect. In the grocery store will be found Christmas puddings, the choicest of choice wines and spirits, cakes, biscuits and many other delectable dainties which are as indispensable to a well-arranged festive board as is a store like the Wing On Co. to the shopper.

### Presents and Other Articles.

As everyone is aware, there are more presents exchanged at Christmas than at any other time of the year, and, of course, the Wing On Company has not been lacking in making provision for the demand, which will be made upon it to supply something nice and artistic at a reasonable figure. Therefore it is worth the while of anyone to visit the silver and jewellery department, where all wants can be met. For those who have already bought their presents, there are other lines which everyone requires every day of the year—books and shoes, furniture, musical instruments, ladies' wear, gentlemen's goods, and many other things, but, what is worthy of special mention, is the fact that, now the cold nights have come on, there will be found at the Wing On Company's premises one of the finest selections of English and Australian all-woollen British-made blankets. To come to the point, there is everything for everybody at the Wing On store and it is time well-spent to go round the premises, where all requirements can be met, and purchases made at astonishingly low figures.

## THE SINCERE COMPANY.

The Sincere Company has long been established in Hongkong, and during the many years it has been carrying on trade here, it has never been so indispensable as it is at present. In fact, "Sincere" has become a household word, and one wonders what shoppers would do were there no such emporium as this, with its marvellous variety of goods. The business of the Company is splendidly organised, and, under modern management, it has developed to such a wonderful extent that it holds the premier shopping place in the Colony. Much thought has been given to the selection of goods, not only to suit the taste of the Chinese patron, but those of the European element of the Colony too, until to-day it is possible to go to this famous store with the certain knowledge of being able to procure goods at prices to fit the purse of all sections of the community. Though the firm, like many another in the Colony, is feeling the effects of the war to a great extent, business-like methods have greatly prevailed in, procuring certain classes of goods which at this time are exceptionally difficult to get hold of. Certain lines are, however, impossible to get from home, but, not to be outdone, the management has gone to America and from that country has succeeded in bringing to the store a wide selection, notably of boots and shoes, as well as some of the most famous assortments of American candies.

### A Big Selection.

Special efforts have been made this year to lay in stock a wide selection of goods suitable for Christmas, and, as the children are mostly thought of at this time, in fairness the toy department should be given first place. In this the management has taken extra pains to cater for the little ones and has been extremely fortunate in getting a huge consignment of toys, that cannot fail to please, from England. Though it is an undoubted fact that the English-made toys cannot be surpassed the world over, a few other novelties have been received from Japan and America. Parents before purchasing elsewhere should pay a visit to this department, where they will find all they need to stuff the stockings of their little ones.

Sweets and Christmas Dainties. For seasons past the Sincere Company has been especially well stocked in sweets, wines and spirits and canned goods, not to mention biscuits and the many other things which go to make the festive board attractive. This year is no exception, a capital stock of these articles having been received. In the canned line, there is a wonderful variety both in meats and fruits, and many a little problem which has been troubling the housewife will be settled by a look round at the shelves. Biscuits from England and America, sweets from the same places and a stock of jam, etc., not forgetting the plum puddings, are all to be had.

### Some Other Goods.

There are numerous departments at Sincere which it would be well worth the shopper's while to visit. The boot and shoe department is sure to command attention, a fine selection of British and American shoes being on hand, all in the latest styles. For men's wear, Sincere's will take a lot of beating. They have a splendid assortment of ties and other things, while in woollens there is everything that can be required for the house and for personal wear. In short, Sincere's is a store which can offer everything, and it must not be forgotten that many of their goods have been purchased from abroad and consequently, with the high exchange rating, the present is a very favourable time to buy.

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- 1 " Light Dry Cherry
- 1 " Port Full Bodied
- 1 " Gin
- 1 Bot. Superior Old Cognac
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- 1 " Dewar's Scotch Whisky

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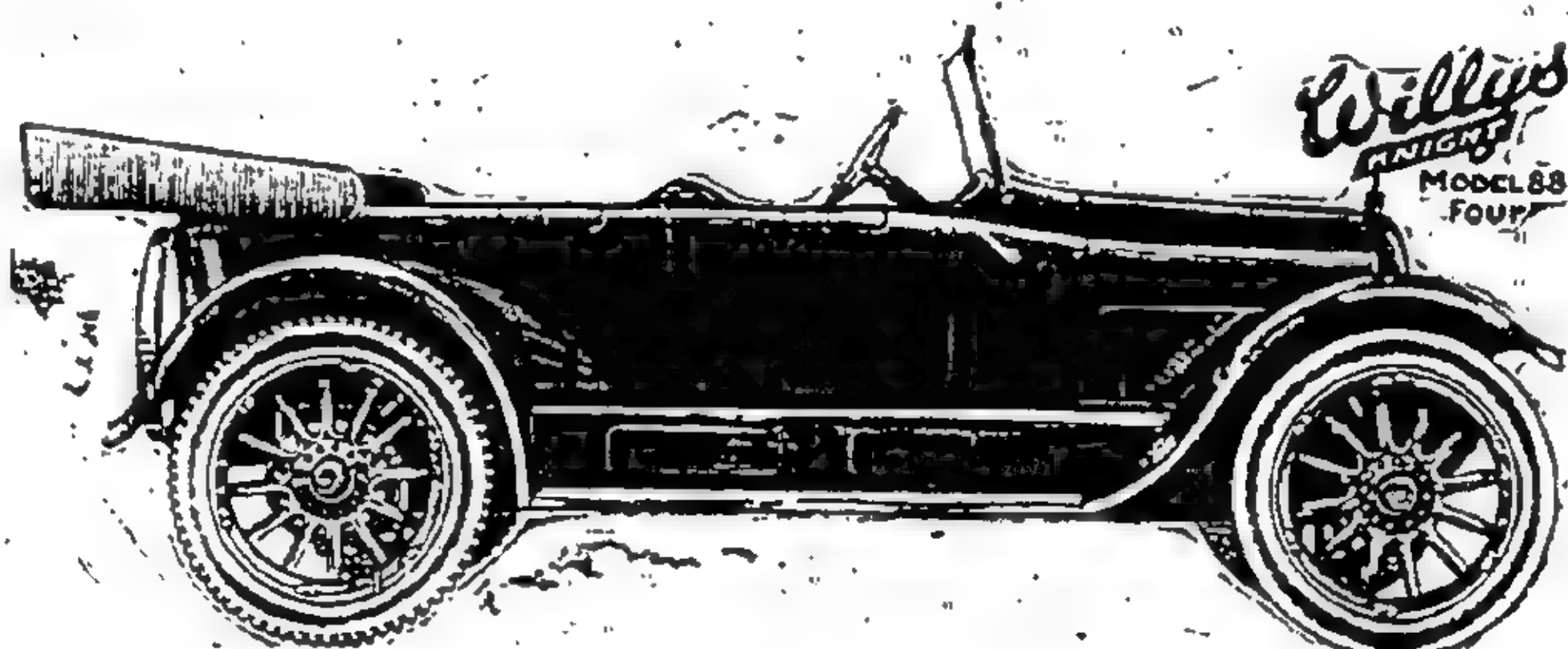
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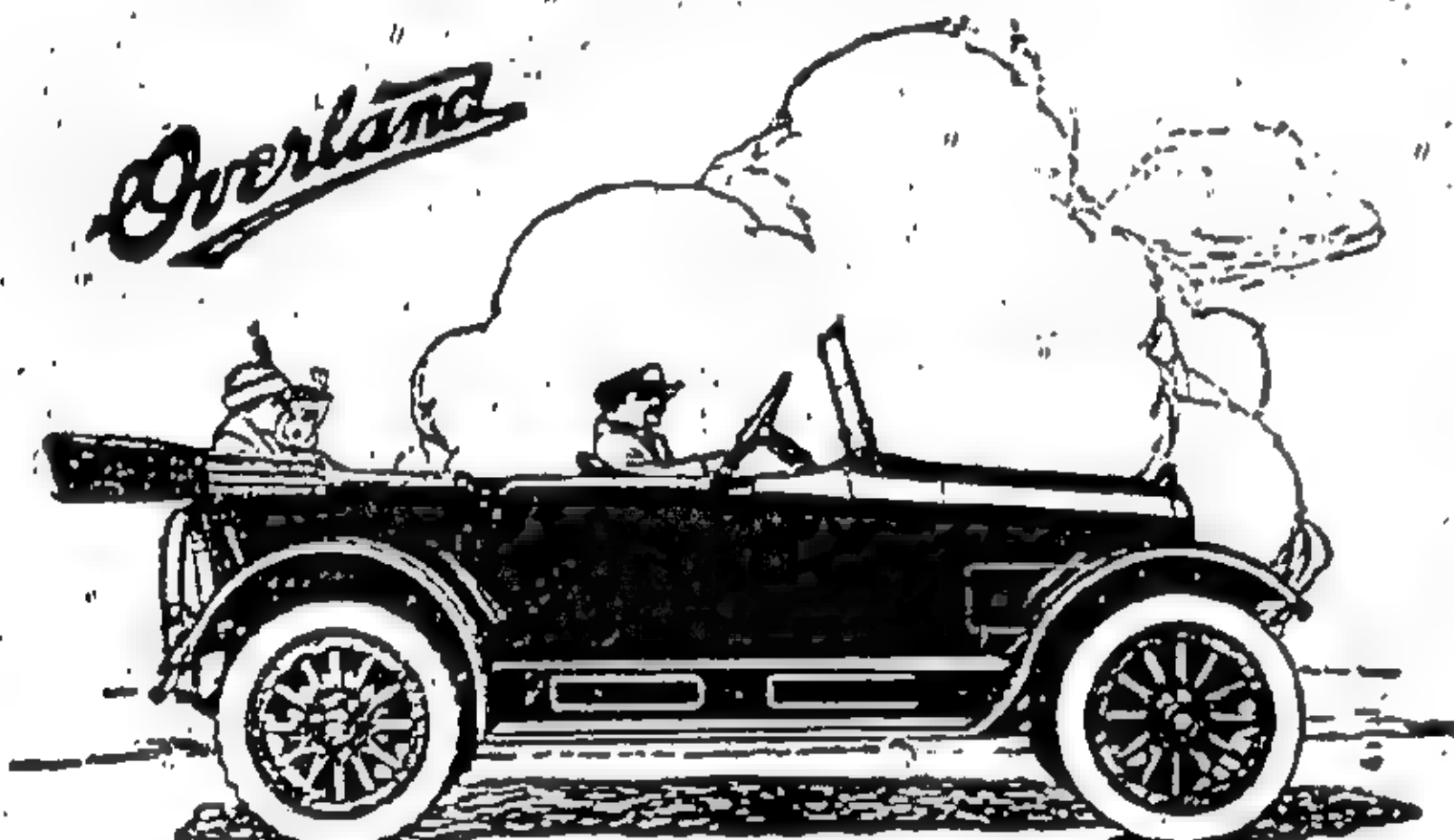
34 by 4 1/2-inch tyres, non-skid rear. Demountable rims (one extra rim). Spring-cushion upholstery. Cantilever rear springs.

The fenders are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces, and the running boards are clean and free from obstructions. The sloping wind-shield is built in, and conforms to the curve of the cowl, making it a part of the car itself rather than a mere attachment. \* \* \* It is a beautiful car.

Long stroke en bloc engine. Electric starting and lighting.  
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Demountable rims (one extra). Finish: Light grey, with black mudguards and trimmings. Cantilever rear springs.

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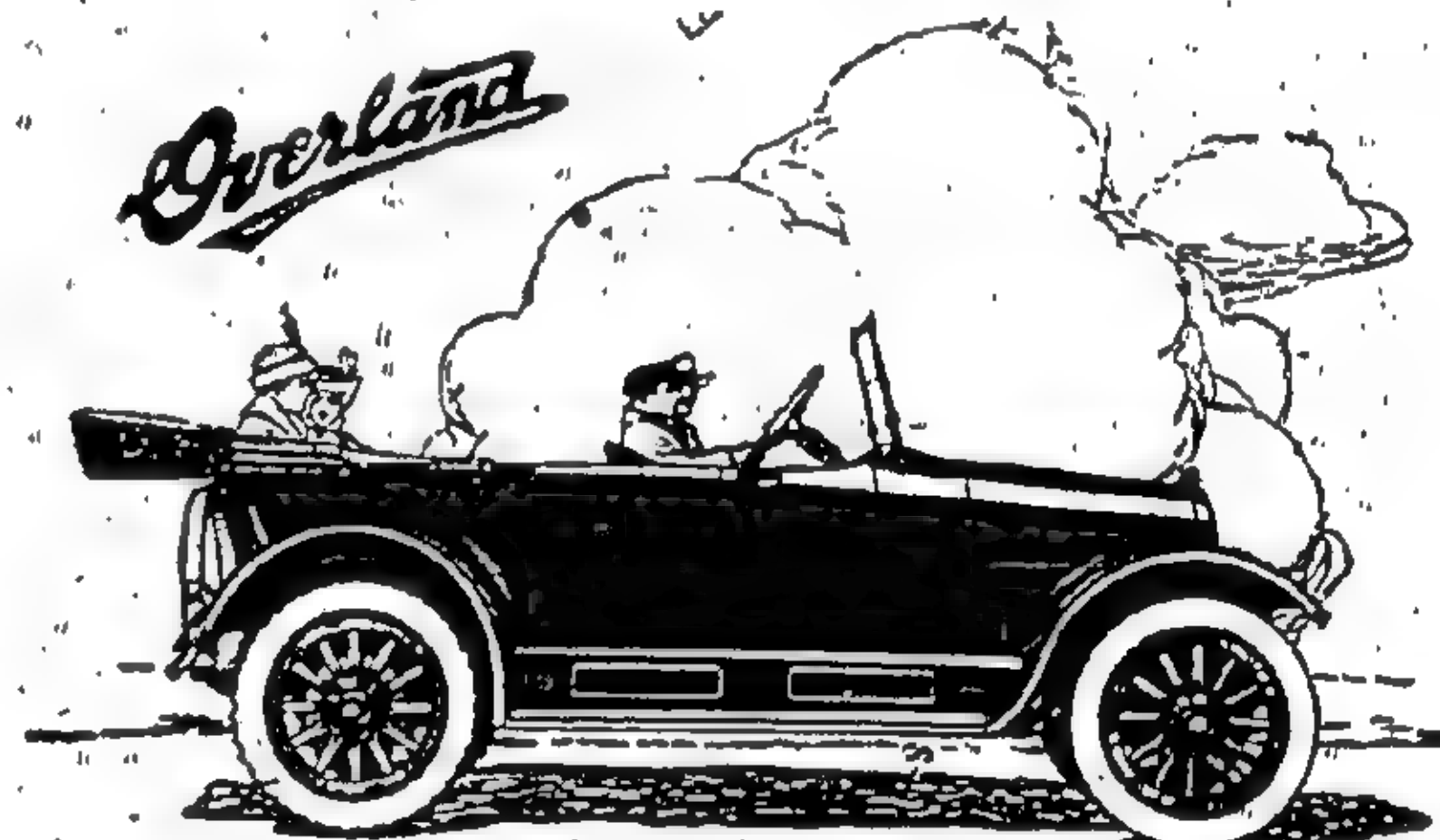


In appearance, as in all other respects, the Model 90 Touring Car is all that you would demand, or expect, in a much higher-priced car. The body is long and low, with that harmony in the blending of lines that marks the true streamline type. The front edge of the radiator is rounded; the bonnet slopes gradually into the beautifully curved cowl—even the back of the car is gracefully rounded out. There are no projecting door hinges or handles; no obstructions on the running boards; nothing about the whole car to mar the clean smoothness of its lines. The mudguards are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces; the built-in wind-screen is a part of the car itself rather than a mere attachment. In every respect it is a car which you will be proud to own and drive.

Powerful block type engine. Vacuum petrol system, 112-Inch (2.85 m.) wheelbase. Electric starting and lighting. Finish light brown, with black mudguards and trimmings. Brown upholstery, with hood and hood cover to harmonise.

32 x 4-inch or 815 x 105 mm. tyres, non-skid rear. Demountable rims (one extra). Cantilever rear springs.

**OVERLAND MODEL 85-FIVE-SEATER  
TOURING CAR.**



This long, low streamline body is unmarred by angles or projections. From the rounded edge of the radiator to the full curved back, there is not a break in the lines. The doors are flush, with hinges concealed with handles inside. The mudguards are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces.

The wind-screen is built in, and conforms to the curve of the cowl—a part of the car itself, not an apparent after thought.

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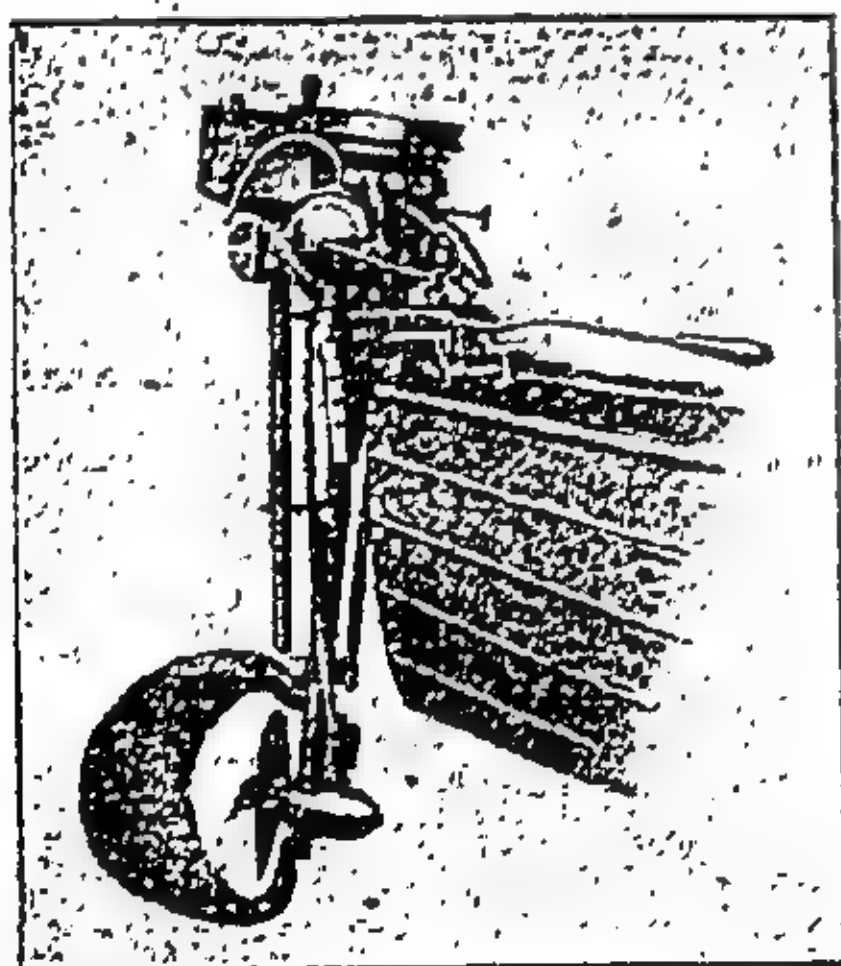


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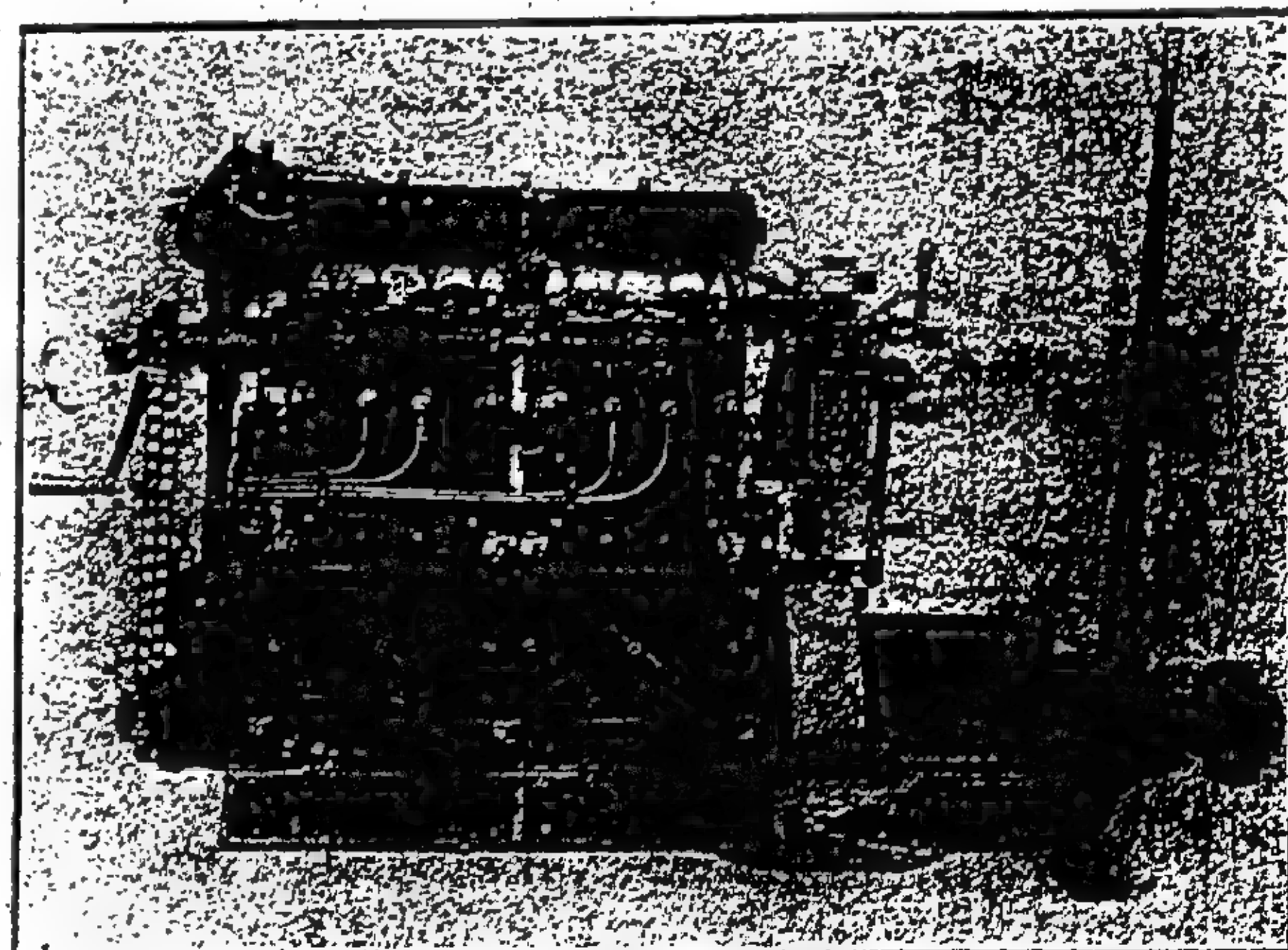
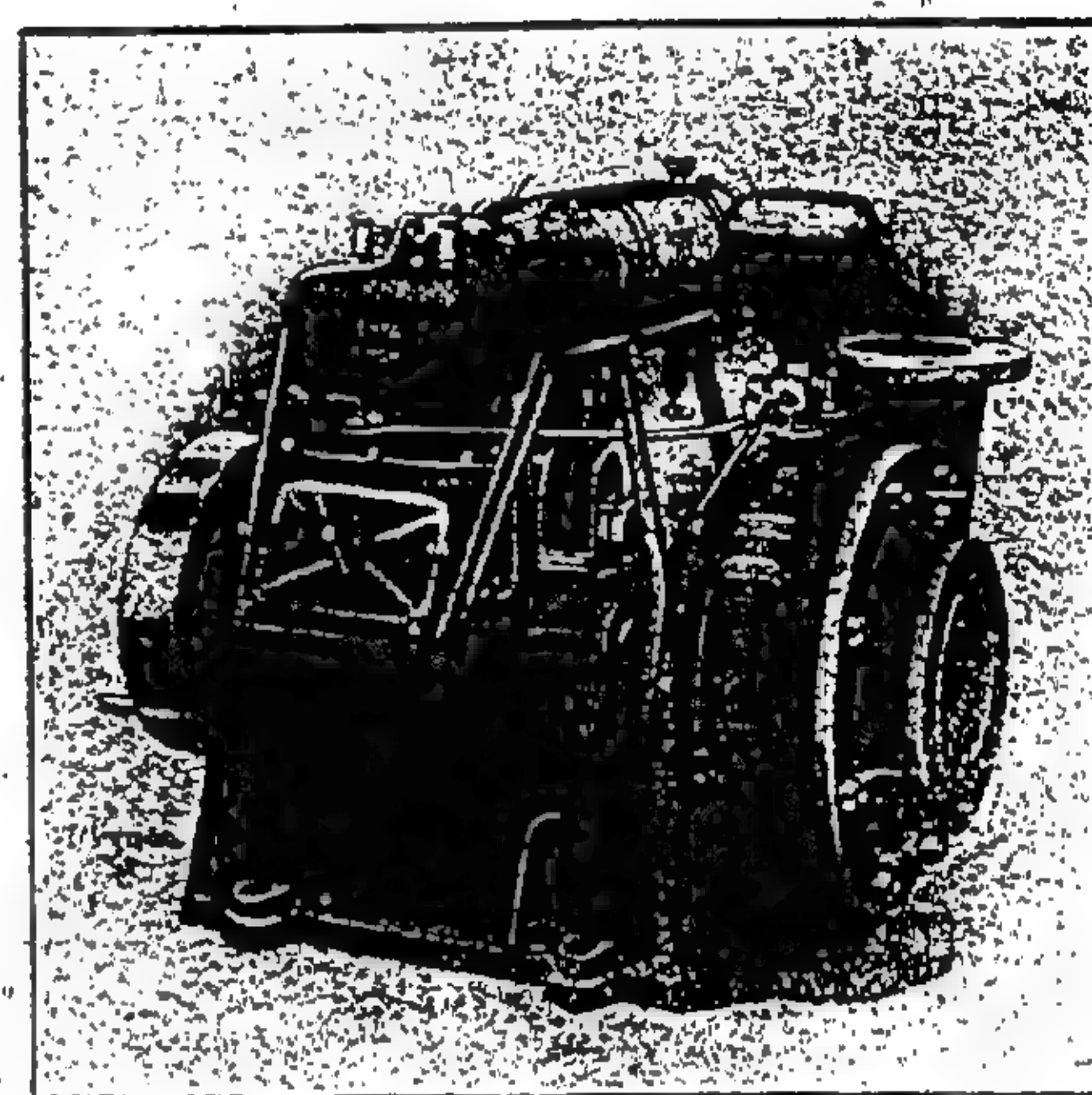
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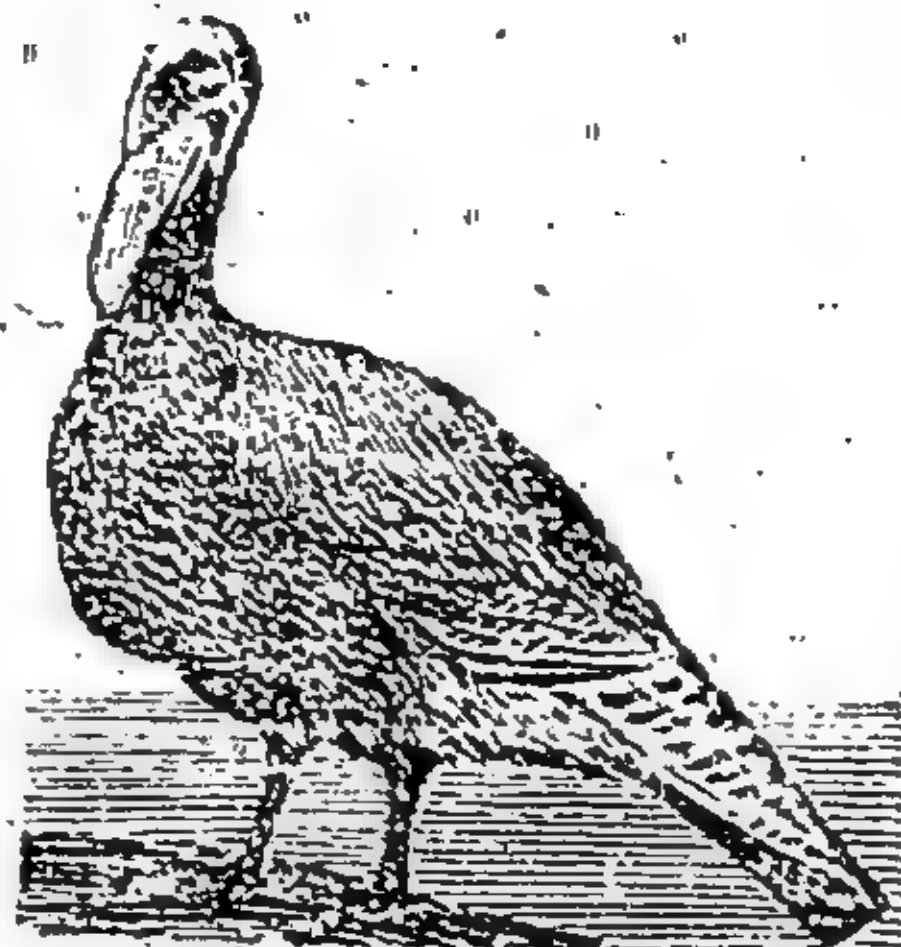
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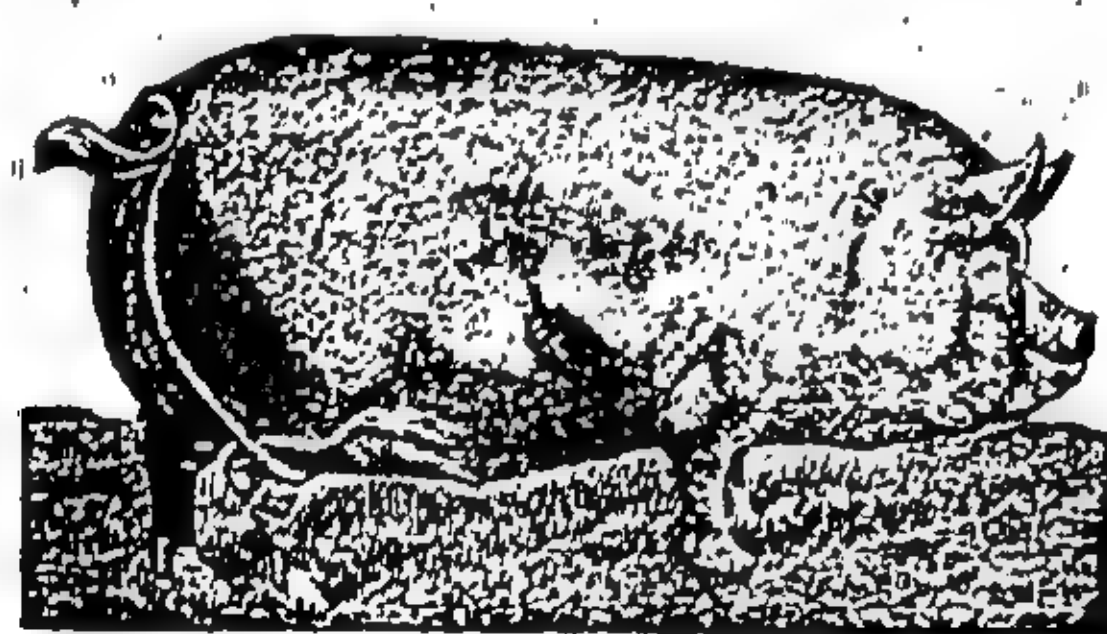
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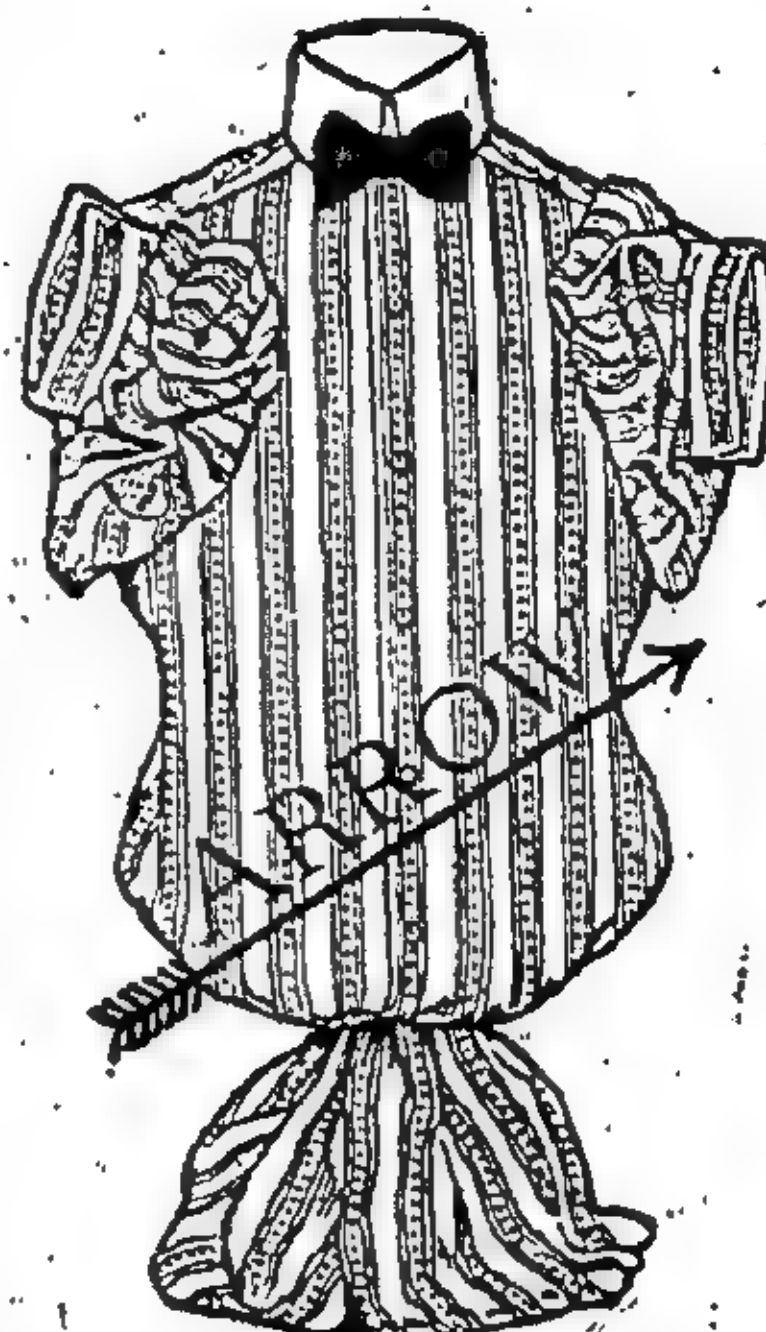
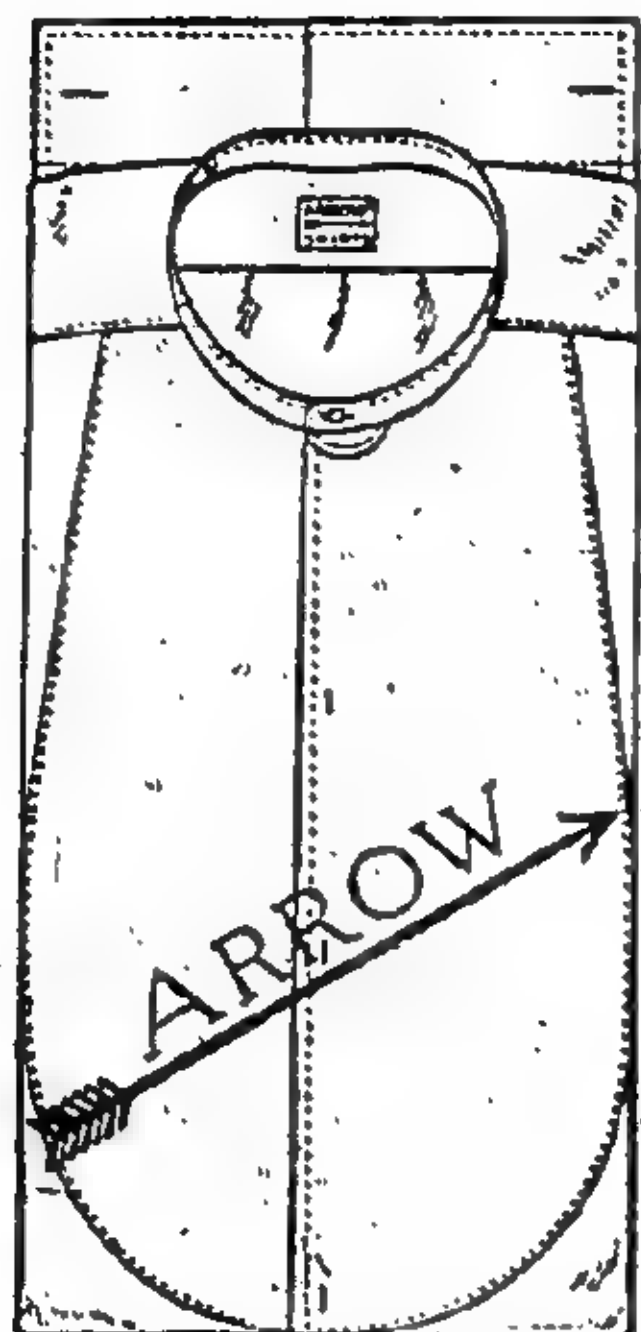


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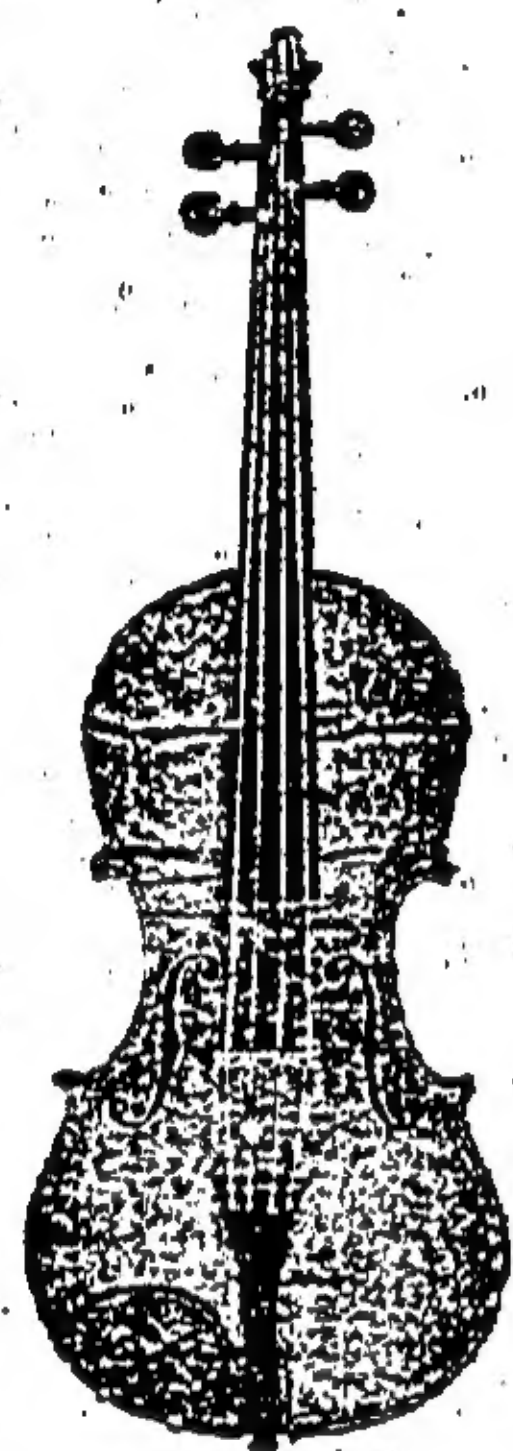
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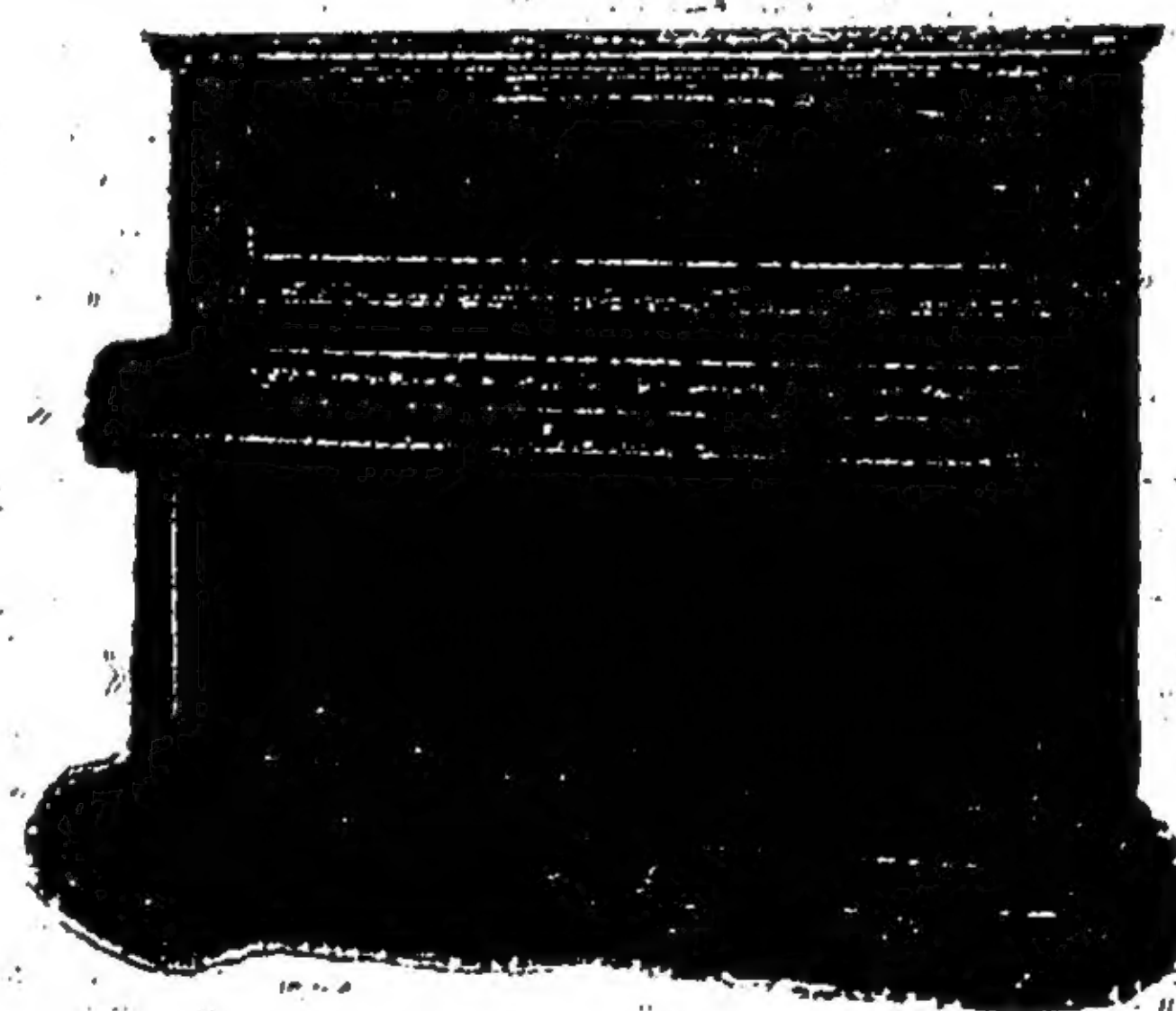
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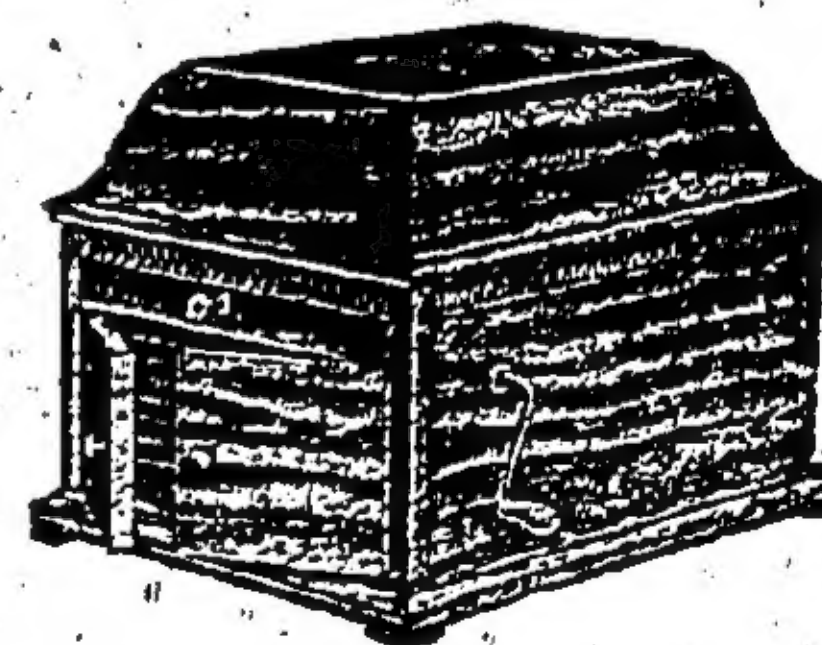
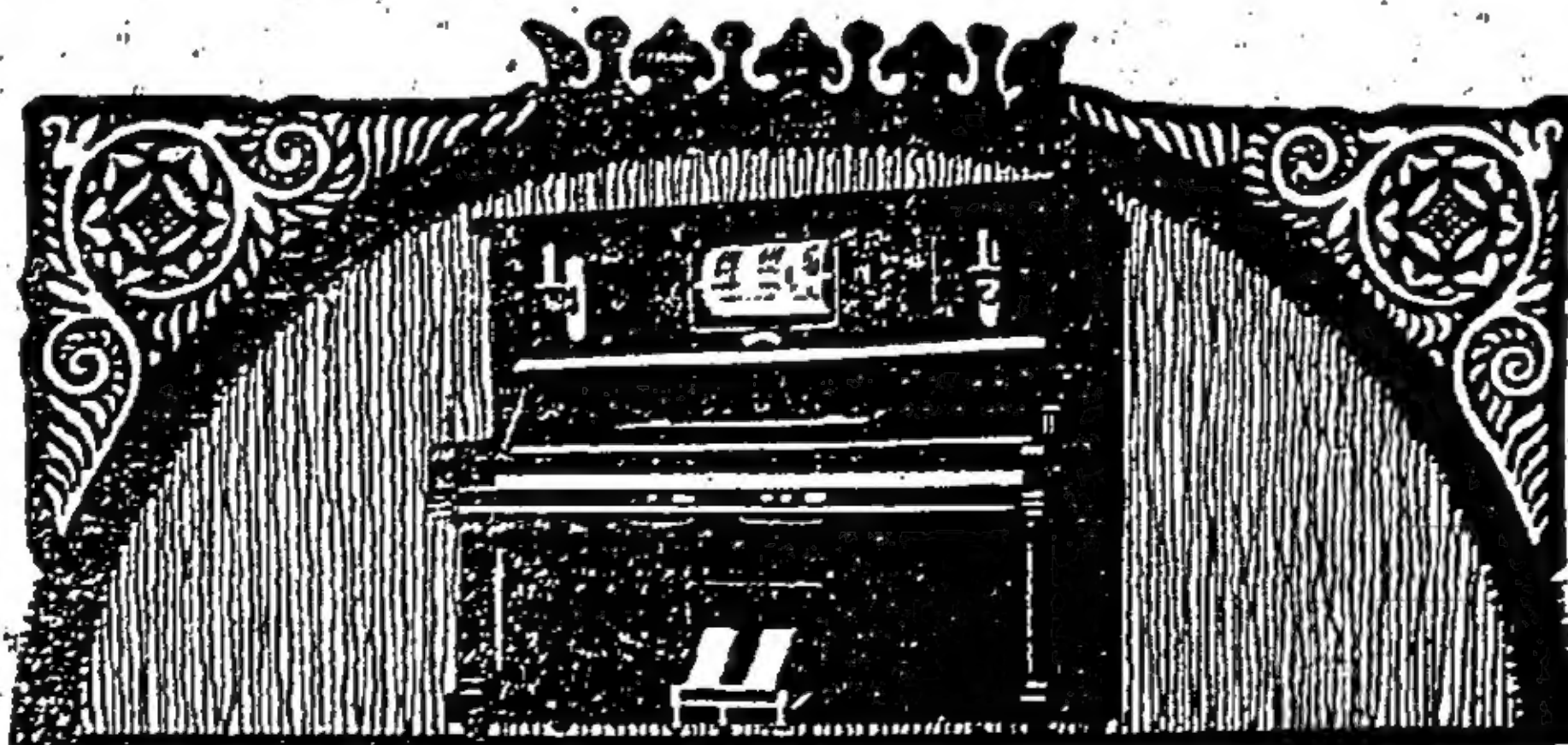
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## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Canadian Embargo on Iron and Steel.

A Japanese official dispatch from Ottawa to the Foreign Office says that under date the 15th ultimo the Canadian Government has prohibited, except to the United Kingdom and British Dominions and possessions, the export of the following iron and steel goods:—Pig iron, steel ingot, steel billet, steel bloom, steel bar, steel slab, iron and steel shapes (including beam, channel, angle, and T and Z shapes), and other iron and steel for building and ship construction purposes.

British Import Embargoes Extended.

The Foreign Office, says the Japan Chronicle, is in receipt of information from the Japanese Consul-General in London that since the 16th ult. the British Government has prohibited, except under licence from the Board of Trade, the import of the following goods:—Abrasion blenders, binding cords, brass rods and wire, cycles (excluding motor cycles), electrometers, electric dynamos of over 4 horse power, portable electric lamps, magnets, motors, weights and measures, penholders, pencils, all the other articles of stationery the import of which has not yet been prohibited and preserved vegetables.

Australian Ban on Tinplate Goods.

With regard to the Australian prohibition of the import of tinplate manufactures, reported by the Japanese Consul-General in Sydney, the authorities of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce state that Japan exports hardly any tinplate manufactures to Australia, except tinplate receptacles and toys. There will be some decrease in the export of toys but this will not be very considerable in view of the fact that the greater portion of Japanese toys exported to Australia are made of celluloid. The embargo on tinplate receptacles or articles imported into Australia in tinplate receptacles will be more keenly felt, though the extent of the trade is not very large. The authorities add that last year Japan exported 2895-000 worth of toys and 108,000 worth of tinplate to Australia. The extent of the Australian embargo on tinplate articles being not very clear from the Consular dispatch above referred to, the Kobe Chamber of Commerce has telegraphically applied to the proper authorities for further particulars.—Japan Chronicle.

Oil in Australia.

Australia's possibilities as an oil producer are interesting to the wealthy oil companies, the Vacuum Oil and the British Imperial. The British Imperial Oil Company claims that one of its parent companies has spent £100,000 in Australia in search for oil, and the Vacuum has begun a great experiment in oil boring and prospecting in the Commonwealth, assisted by Walter A. English, an American geologist, formerly employed by the United States Government. The cost of this venture is expected to equal the figures quoted by the British Imperial. In a statement made by the Vacuum Oil Company, it is explained that the owners of certain tracts of land in Australia have agreed to lease, and have been informed by the company that if oil is found, new companies will be formed and shares made available in the Commonwealth. In the announcement, the company says that the discovery of oil will mean the employment of a large number of people, and the expenditure of some of money on derricks, tanks, pipe lines, stills, barrel and caskmaking plants. Mr. English recently landed at Perth, West Australia, and will be a hi-tens in the Fitzgerald River country in that State, the site chosen being 140 miles from Albany. His reports will be made available from time to time for publication. Nationally the question arises as to the possibility of success. It is known that Australia has rich deposits of oil shale, and a limited quantity of oil has been produced from shale in Tasmania. Although no natural crude petroleum has been produced, the indications are as yet favourable in such places as Roper, Queensland, where natural gas has been found on boring.

## SHARE REPORT.

## COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S—SELLERS; SA—SALES; B—BUYERS; N—NOMINAL.

To-day's Closing Prices	STOCK.	Number of Shares	Par Value	1915. Highest	1915. Lowest	1916/7. Highest to Date	1916/7. Lowest to Date	Last Dividend and Date
	<b>Banks.</b>							
n. \$600	H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125	all	845 Sept.	785 May	820 545	Interim div. of \$2. 3/- Subject Income Tax, at Exch. 2/6- (\$17.06) Paid on 13/8/17.
	<b>Marine Insurances.</b>							
sa. \$300	Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	50	427 1/2 Sept.	340 Jan.	426 300	Final of \$7 making \$25. a/c 1915, and interim of \$18 a/c 1916.
b. \$115	North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$15	£8	180 April	145 Jan.	180 100	Final Div. of 15% mak. 30% for year ending 30/6/16 Paid 31/10/17
b. \$730	Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ltd.	15,438	\$250	100	972 Aug.	760 Jan.	1005 730	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$10 making \$30.00 for 1915. Int. of \$30 for 1916 Paid 26/4/17.
n. ex 73 \$205	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	\$100	60	280 Dec.	200 Jan.	300 190	Final of \$15 for 1915, and Interim \$3 for 1916. Paid 14/4/17.
	<b>Fire Insurances.</b>							
b. \$121	China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	20	163 Aug.	127 1/2 April	168 121	\$7 & \$3 bonus 1916. Paid 26/4/17.
n. \$310	H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	50	420 Sept.	385 Jan.	420 290	\$27 for 1915. Paid 29/3/17.
	<b>Shipping.</b>							
a. \$179	Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	104 1/2 Dec.	28 1/2 Mar.	137 73 1/2	Final Div. of \$5.00. Paid 29/9/17 making 20% for year end 20/6/17.
a. \$18	H'kong C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	23 1/2 May	19 Dec.	24 17	\$1.25 for year ending 31/12/16 Paid 13/3/17
sa. \$148 1/2	Indo-China (Combined Steam Naviga- tion Co., Ltd.)	60,000	\$25	all	172 Dec.	62 1/2 Jan.	207 124	Final of 3/- on Pref. and 40/- on Def. Shares at Ex. 2/4 1/2 Paid 10/5/17. making 6% on Pref. & 30% for Def. a/c 1916.
b. \$33 1/2	Shell T'port & T'ing Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	\$1	all	94 1/2 June	75 1/2 Jan.	120 86 1/2	Final of 5/- making 7/- for 1916 (Coupon 28). Paid 14/7/17.
b. \$112 1/2	Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	39 1/2 Oct.	23 July	41 28	\$1.30 Div. and 30 cents bonus for year ending 30.4.17 Paid 30/5/17.
	<b>Petrolines.</b>							
b. \$90	China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	all	134 1/2 Sept.	80 Jan.	146 82	\$12 for 1916. Paid 31/3/17.
sa. \$36	Malabon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	14,000	P. \$9	all			41 29	\$5 for 1915. Paid 15/2/17.
	<b>Mining.</b>							
a. \$40 1/2	Kailan Mining Adm'n'tion.	100,000	\$1	all	35 1/2 April	30/- Dec.	40 26 1/2	Interim Div. of 1/- year end 30/6/17. Paid 15/5/17.
n. \$2.50	Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$1	all	4.40 Mar.	2.40 Jan.	3.35 1.70	(Coupon 9).
n. \$26 1/2	Tromb Mines Ltd.	160,000	\$1	all	25 1/2 Dec.	32 1/2 Mar.	42 1/2 25 1/2	1/2 for 1909
n. \$30 1/2	Ural Caspian	785,666	\$1	all	43 1/2 April	25 1/2 Jan.	38 1/2 22 1/2	Final of 4/- making 5/- for a/c year ending 12/11/15 Paid July 1916
n. \$28 1/2	Oriental Com. Min. Co. Ltd.	422,320	G. \$10	all				G. \$0.50 Div. No. 36 Paid Sept. 1917.
b. \$91 1/2	Docks Wharves, Godowns, & H'kong & W. & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	82 Oct.	65 April	96 67	Div. of \$4 & Bonus \$2 for 1916. Paid 23/7/17.
b. \$121	H.K. & W.D. Co. Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	90 Oct.	56 Mar.	135 78 1/2	Interim Div. 42 1/2 for year '30/6/17. Paid 9/10/17.
b. \$73	Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	55,700	\$100	all	63 1/2 Sept.	49 July	55 59	Tls. 9 for year ending 30.4.17. Paid 28/7/17.
b. \$66	Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	36,000	\$100	all	100 Dec.	80 April	98 67	Tls. 5 for 1916. Paid 12/3/17.
	<b>Lands, Hotels and Buildings.</b>							
b. \$90	H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	124 Feb.	108 Dec.	118 94	\$3 for 1/2 year ending 30/6/17. Paid 1/9/17.
b. \$90	H'kong Land Investment Co.	50,000	\$100	all	114 Jan.	103 1/2 Dec.	105 1/2 85	Interim Div. of \$1/4 for year ending 30/6/17. Paid 26/7/17.
n. \$54 1/2	H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	7 1/2 Jan.	6 1/2 July	7 1/2 5.65	50 cents for 1916. Paid 12/2/17.
n. \$30	K'loon Land & B'g Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	30	44 Jan.	40 1/2 Sept.	38 33	\$2 for 1916. Paid 10/2/17.
b. \$70	Shanghai Lands	78,000	\$50	all	57 Mar.	107 Dec.	107 74	Interim Div. of 5% making for 1917. Paid 8/6/17.
n. \$81	West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	all	68 1/2 Mar.	77 Dec.	90 69	Interim Div. of \$3 making for year ending 30/6/17. Paid 26/7/17.
b. \$90	H'kong Central Estates	10,000	\$100	all	103 Dec.	99 Jan.	108 89	\$7.00 for year ending 31/12/16 Paid 29/1/17
a. \$178 1/2	Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	180 July	117 Jan.	178 130	Tls. 12 for year ending 30.11.17.
n. \$15.80	Kung Yik	75,000	\$10	all	163 July	114 Feb.	163 114	Tls. 0.90 for year ending 30.11.16
n. \$65	Leau Kung Mow	8,000	\$100	all	90 1/2 Sept.	72 Jan.	81 63	Tls. 12 for 1915. Paid 13.2.14
s. \$120	Shanghai Cottons	40,000	\$50	all	100 May	77 Jan.	136 81	Dividend of Tls. 6 for year ending 30.6.17. Paid 28/8/17.
	<b>Miscellaneous.</b>							
n. \$20.00	Oriental Cotton Spin. Co. Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	61 Oct.	63 Dec.	61 43 1/2	Tls. 6 for 1913. Paid 26/3/14.
n. \$6.80	Yangtze Paper Co., Ltd.	175,000	\$5	all	61 Oct.	63 Dec.	61 43 1/2	7 1/2 a/c Pref. for 14 Months ending Dec. 1915
b. \$46 1/2	China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$12 1/2	all	11 1/2 Apr.	9 1/2 May	10.35 6.50	60 cents for 1916. Paid 18/5/17
b. \$3.50	China Light Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	3.65 Mar.	4.95 Oct.	4.90 3.45	6% for year ending 28.2.16
b. \$7.50	China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	7 1/2 Jan.	10.15 Oct.	10.10 7.50	70 cts. for 1916. Paid 23/2/17.
b. \$25	Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$7 1/2	all	85 Jan.	28 Dec.	41 20	\$2 for year ending 31/7/17 paid 6/10/17.
b. \$47 1/2	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$7.50	all	11.20 Oct.	5.29 Jan.	12.10 6.75	80 cts. for 1916. 27/3/17.
b. \$48	Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	45 Oct.	36 1/2 Feb.	55 43	\$3 for year 28/2/17. Paid 9/5/17.
n. \$150	Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,500	\$25	all	190 Dec.	183 Oct.	190 147 1/2	Int. Div. \$3 for year 1917. Paid 21/8/17.
s. \$29 1/2	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	34 1/2 Dec.	25 Jan.	41 26 1/2	Interim Div. \$1 for 1917. Paid 24/8/17.
s. \$6.50	Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	\$5 1/2	all	5 Oct.	5 Apr.	7.50 5 1/2	Int. Div. 9% at 2/6-17-35 Cents. Paid 15/8/17.
n. \$1.15	Langkats	250,000	G. \$10	all	43 1/2 May	35 Mar.	40 1/2 12	Tls. 1 for 1916. Paid 28/4/17.
s. \$81	Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2 Mar.	9.30 June	10.25 8 1/2	50 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.17 Paid 6/5/17.
s. cts. \$80	Do (New)	50,000	\$10	\$1.	140 Mar.	80 cts. Aug.	1.00 90 cts.	35 cts. for year ending 31.12.16 Paid 20.
b. \$3	Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	4.25 Jan.	3 June	3.80 3.00	\$1.25 per share for year ending 31.12.16. Paid 3/2/17.
b. \$12	Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,723	\$7	all	18 Jan.	16 Dec.	17 12	70 cts. for 1916. Paid 23/5/17.
s. \$5.60	Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	7.10 Mar.	6.50 Oct.	7.70 5 1/2	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new shares for year ending 30.6.14
s. \$6.50	William Powell, Limited	21,000	\$7	all	6.90 Aug.	6 Dec.	7 1/2 5 1/2	\$2 for 1916
n. \$29	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25	all	28	28	29 28	\$1 for year end 31/5/17 Paid 15/8/17.
n. \$10	H'kong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	7,808	\$10	all			11 9 1/2	

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T/T Singapore	126 3/4
T/T Japan	137 1/2
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T/T San Francisco	71
co & New York	71
T/T Java	163 1/4

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30 d/a San Francisco & New York	71 1/4
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1.10 A.M.	1.10 A.M.	10 MIN.
1.20 A.M.	1.20 A.M.	10 MIN.
1.30 A.M.	1.30 A.M.	10 MIN.
1.40 A.M.	1.40 A.M.	10 MIN.
1.50 A.M.	1.50 A.M.	10 MIN.
2.00 A.M.	2.00 A.M.	10 MIN.
2.10 A.M.	2.10 A.M.	10 MIN.
2.20 A.M.	2.20 A.M.	10 MIN.
2.30 A.M.	2.30 A.M.	10 MIN.
2.40 A.M.	2.40 A.M.	10 MIN.
2.50 A.M.	2.50 A.M.	10 MIN.
3.00 A.M.	3.00 A.M.	10 MIN.

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1.20 A.M. to 1.30 A.M. 10 MIN.

1.30 A.M. to 1.40 A.M. 10 MIN.

1.40 A.M. to 1.50 A.M. 10 MIN.

1.50 A.M. to 2.00 A.M. 10 MIN.

2.00 A.M. to 2.10 A.M. 10 MIN.

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## INTERESTING FIND.

On Sites of Old Calcutta Fort.

Antiquarian interest will be aroused in connection with some pieces of metal that were recently seized by the police from two bullock carts while on the way to Bellinghata, says the *Advocate of India* for it now transpires that these were dug out from the site of the old fort in Budge Budge.

A contractor was engaged to fill a tank which lies in the ground lately purchased by the Port Commissioners for the extension of their Budge Budge oil sheds, and his men were cutting a drain to lead away the superfluous of the tank to a neighbouring jheel, when they came across the remains of a concrete pillar. It is understood that when this pillar was dug out a quantity of old metal was found underneath. It is not known who actually gave the order for removing the metal, but anyhow it was seized by the police while being carted away.

There is no knowing whether these pieces of metal were only recently buried, but from the circumstances of the discovery it is possible that they were lying there since the early days of British rule, for on local enquiry it is found that on the locality where the excavations are being carried out a fort existed at one time, having been built by the Nawab of Mairahabad. The pillar in question probably formed part of the building. A special officer held charge of this first which apparently commanded the shipping in the river.

The Ven. Archbishop Firminger states that at the time when Lord Olive came to recapture Calcutta in 1757, Admiral Watson proposed to capture this fort by surprise at night. But a drunken sailor went ashore and shouted to imaginary men to follow him, and called out to the officer in charge of the fort to surrender. The latter, being thoroughly taken in by the ruse, cried "Mercy, Kamerad," as it were, and gave himself up together with the entire garrison.

Admiral Watson, however, was not at all pleased, as he wanted to capture the fort with military glory. There was a fort kept at Budge Budge by the English, perhaps the same fort, and in 1776 it was very much strengthened on the expectation of the arrival of a French fleet. What is known last of this fort is that in 1785 an invalid corps was kept there. It is not known when it was dismantled. Some ruins of the magazine of the old fort were visible within the last few years.

As regards the pieces of metal which have been discovered and are described as lead, the Archbishop believes them to be knowledge brought by ships in ballast.

In this connection it may be mentioned that some few years ago two or three old cannonballs were similarly found while excavating earth in the same locality.

It is reported that the police have formed an opinion that the Sirear has not committed an offence under the Indian Penal Code of criminal breach of trust, but an offence under the Treasure Trove Act.

According to this Act, it is said that the finder is entitled to four-fifths and the Government to one-fifth of the property or its value.

In any case, the Sirear, it is maintained, had no right or title to the property and that the Port Commissioners should be considered to be the finders.

The case is an interesting one and is being enquired into further.

In Memoriam.  
A black marble tablet has been erected in St. Peter's Church, Singapore, after many years to the memory of the late Reverend William Henry Gomes. It was unveiled on Sunday, 18th November. The engraving reads as follows:—"To the Glory of God and in grateful remembrance of the devoted life and labours of The Reverend William Henry Gomes, B. D., who worked for 16 years in Sarawak and thirty years in the Straits Settlements, and entered into his rest on March 2nd, 1902, aged 74 years."

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On and after the 1st October, 1917, the rate of postage on letters from Hongkong to Fathah, Chan Chuen, and Whampoa will be 4 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will no longer be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cents rate addressed to Yunnan and Mengtse and other places in the Province of Yunnan should be superseded with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Arrangements have been made for the transmission of parcels to the United Kingdom via Canada.

The rates of postage are as follows:—  
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Do. 11 lbs. . . . 2.70

No insurance can be effected on parcels sent by this route.

## IMPORT PROHIBITIONS.

The public are informed that the undermentioned articles are prohibited from importation into the United Kingdom, either by letter post or by parcel post.

Gold manufactured or unmanufactured including gold in and articles consisting partly of or containing gold; all manufactures of silver other than silver watches and silver watch cases; Jewellery of any description.

Letters and parcels containing such articles cannot therefore be accepted for transmission by the Post Office.

The Parcel Post service to Aden (except in respect of parcels for military and naval addresses) has been suspended.

## FRENCH PARCEL REGULATIONS.

The Public are informed that the new regulations adopted by the French Customs insist that senders of parcels addressed to France, Corsica and Algeria must fill in the columns of the regular Customs Declaration, particularly and exactly, omitting none of the headings comprised therein.

It is furthermore absolutely necessary to show in the foregoing declaration (1) The full name and address of the addressee; (2) A statement as to whether the contents are intended for State supplies or not.

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Aberdeen, Aukau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.  
Canton, Samshui, and Wanchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.  
Macau.—Week days, 7.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.  
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.  
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Kaukung.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Except Saturdays; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 9 p.m.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

Telegraphic advice from the San Francisco Office of the China Mail S.S. Co. shows that the ss. CHINA arrived at that port on Wednesday, December 12, 1917.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Weather Report and Forecast for to-morrow will be found on an Extra.

December 14th, 1917. (Sun.)—No returns from Japan and Indo-China. With few exceptions, pressure has increased slightly to moderately at all stations reporting; an anticyclone is probably forming over N. China, and fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 1.0 inch. Total since January 1st 81.37 inches against an average of 81.46 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1. Hongkong in Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally, some drizzling rain.
2. Formosa Channel	N. winds, fresh to strong.
3. South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4. South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.  
December 14, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Winds	Direction	Force	Weather
Victoria	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
Wanchow	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
Shanghai	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
Amoy	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
Swatow	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
Shanghai	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
Amoy	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
Swatow	5a	30.27	32	90	nnw	6	ft	
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C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.  
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 14, 1917.  
1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.  
2. Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.  
3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.  
4. Direction of Wind, to two points.  
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.  
6. State of Weather, by blue sky, or detached clouds, or drizzling rain, or fog, or gloomy, or hail, or lightning, or overcast, or passing showers, or squalls, or rain, or snow, or thunder, or visibility, or dew, or wet.

H.K. Observatory, Dec. 14, 1917.  
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	29.85	29.95	30.01
Temperature	65	64	62
Humidity	93	94	75
Wind Direction	E.S.E.	N.	N.
Force	2	1	2
Weather	od	od	od
Rain	0.13	0.00	0.86
Highest and lowest temperature on the 15th of Dec.	75	54	75

## TIDE TABLE.

From 10th Dec. to 16th Dec.

Time	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Dec. 15	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 16	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 17	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 18	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 19	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 20	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 21	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 22	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 23	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 24	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 25	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 26	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 27	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 28	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 29	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 30	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15
Dec. 31	11.15	1.15	11.15	1.15

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

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## DRUM-FIRE.

An Interesting Analysis.

In no previous war have the reports from artillery followed each other so closely as to resemble the roll of a big drum. This phenomenon, first called "drum fire" by the Germans, and now generally known by this name, is analysed by G. F. Sleggs in the *Times*. Incidentally he shows that the sharp, distinct report necessary to its production is heard only in front of the gun, so that each side hears "drumfire" only from the other's artillery. The further one goes towards the rear of his own line, the more distinctly he hears the enemy's fire and the louder it comes out above the muffled roar of his own guns. We quote from an abstract printed in *Nature* (London). Writes Mr. Sleggs:—"There is a fundamental and peculiar difference between the sound emitted by a gun and that of an exploding shell. When the gun is fired, the sound-wave produced is of a totally different nature from that produced by the burst of a shell. In the former case, the impact of the gases leaving the muzzle, as it were, 'strikes' the atmosphere in the direction in which the gun is pointed, but the burst from the shell causes a sound-wave of uniform intensity all around. Every soldier who has been to the front knows that if you stand in front of a field-gun or naval gun while firing even at a considerable distance (several hundred yards), the crack is painfully intense to the ears, and may even cause injury, whereas it is possible to stand close behind the gun with comparative impunity. No such difference is observable with a shell.

The wave of sound emitted by a gun is closely analogous to the wave of light emitted by a search-light. The intensity of the ray from a search-light only diminishes gradually, and this analogy is borne out by the peculiar fact, familiar to those who have been in the trenches, that the German machine guns, or rifle-shots, always seem as loud whether the width of 'No Man's Land' is seventy yards or five hundred yards. One of the most wonderful, and indeed majestic, of all sound phenomena in connection with artillery is the great 'roll' that follows the discharge of a high-velocity gun. To hear this at its best, one must visit a part of the front where the contour is rugged, or where the landscape is well wooded, and where houses and other excrescences are abundant, as at Arras. The report of the cannon is followed at once and continuously by a majestic echoing roll that may be compared to a mixture of thunder and the music of a mighty bass orchestra. This

rolling sound seems to travel forward as though it were following the flight of the shell, and is, indeed, mistaken by some for the actual sound of the shell.

The explanation, Mr. Sleggs goes on to say, is that it is a series of echoes from the thousands of heterogeneous excrescences in the surface of the landscape, combining to form a continuous trail of sound. The fact that this sound travels in the direction of the shell fits in with the search-light analogy, as otherwise this chain of echoes would not appear to flow in any definite direction, and thus "one of the most grandiose natural phenomena that the ear can receive" would not exist. He goes on:—

"The above considerations give rise to a remarkable and surprising fact, which, indeed, arises in theory and is borne out in practice. This is that at a certain distance and upward from the firing line the sound of the German guns will be greater than the sound of our own, because we are in front of the German guns but behind the British, and although the latter are nearer to us, yet the sound of the former will appear louder and sharper because of the peculiar nature of the sound-wave emitted from the muzzle of a gun, the noise being nearly all concentrated in the direction of fire. Thus, when approaching the firing line before a big attack, the sound of the German guns often appears to preponderate over our own, giving one the apprehensive impression that the enemy's artillery is in superior strength to our own, and it is only in coming into the artillery zone that the British superiority is perceived. Another point illustrating this is the origin of the word 'drum-fire'. This term (Trommelfeuer) was first used by the Germans to describe the effect of our massed artillery on an unprotected scale on the Somme. Now to the British, who were, of course, behind the direction in which their artillery was firing, this term would never have occurred, for to be behind a British bombardment there is but little resemblance to a drummer's tattoo; the whole sound being merged into a dull and heavy roar of guns; but to the German generals behind their lines every shot from the British guns would stand out as a sharp staccato note, the whole combining to give the impression of the rat-a-tat-tat of a mighty drum-tattoo."

From these conclusions it will appear that the farther one is behind the firing line, the greater is the tendency for the sound of the German guns to preponderate over our own, although the latter may be in much greater strength, and the probability is that the greater part of the noise of firing audible on our coasts comes from the German artillery, and not the British, although the sound of shell-bursts may tend to modify matters."

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